

[The following extract from a letter written by C.C. was set to Bishop Danell by Mother Catherine Tracy from Mark Cross on May 10th 1872; the letter in which this extract appears is marked Private & Confidential.]

“ Now you must not ask me why I ask you this, I am obliged for the sake of truth – Has any one from Preston written to you within the last three months, except Mth Mary Veronica, whom I told to write. If so [sic] they have done so, will you send me the letter which I will receive as private. You are not bound by private being on the letter in my regard. Do not forget this.”

[The same letter is quoted in a letter from Father Bosio

to Bishop Danell from Fordingbridge, dated May 31 4 p.m.

– also in Southwark Archives.]

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

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The Convent

S^t Leonard's -on-Sea

June 22nd 1874

J.M.J.

My Lord, [Bishop Danell]

In the absence of our dear Rev Mother who is still in Blackpool I beg to acknowledge your letter to her, & forward you the addresses as you desire

America

The Right Rev^d D^r Wood

Bishop of Philadelphia

America U.S.

Toul France

The Right Rev Bishop Nancy

Lorraine

France

London & Hadham

The Right Rev

The Archbishop of Westminster

Archbishops House

Westminster S.W.

Preston & Blackpool

The Right Rev D^r O'Reilly

13 Hardy S^t

Liverpool

Begging your blessing for all the Sisters & children

I am, My Lord, Your respectful child in J.C.

S. Aloysia [Frankish]

[Sept. 20th 1874]

My dear Lord & Father in J.C. [Bishop Danell]

I enclose the Votes of the Local & General Councils for the admission of two Postulants. Your Lordship will see that they have the unanimous Votes of the different Councils. They have both been in our Schools. Mary Bulfin is from the School at Blackpool She has the necessary dower £1000 – the interest of w^h £50 per an will be paid for the present by her mother. Emily Barker was in our Upper School at S^t Leonards. She is able to pay £40 per an during the Noviciate only. Her education has been judged a sufficient dower. If your Lordship sees fit we should be glad if they might receive the habit this week as they have already exceeded the time of their postulancy by some months. They will finish their retreat on Tuesday morning. If it would not be convenient for your Lordship to come down for the clothing, would you kindly delegate the Chaplain to perform the Ceremony.

Begging your Lordship's blessing

Believe me Y^r Lordships

obedient Servant in JC

Mth Angelica

Sec gen.

The Convent

Mayfield

Sept^{ber} 20th—1874

[Nov. 24th 1874]

My dear Lord & Father in JC [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to write to your Lordship for permission to receive two Postulants Louise Mouchard & Agnes Morley. They are both children from our Schools. Louise Mouchard from Toul Agnes Morley from S^t Michael's School S^t Leonards a sister of the Rev^d Father Morley of Chatham.

Poor Agnes has been waiting since the middle of September last. Your Lordship will remember that Our Mother General wrote to you about her then.

Our Mother General is suffering from rheumatism or she would write to your Lordship herself.

We have heard that D^t O'Reilly is to arrive in England about the 10th of December. We are anxious to see him and think it better to wait here to see His Lordship.

Begging your Lordship's blessing

I am Your Lordship's

obedient Serv^t in JC

M. Angelica

Sec Gen

The Convent

S^t Walburga's Maudlands

Preston

Nov^{ber} 24th 1874

My Lord & dear Father in X^t

We all thank you most heartily for your kind wishes for the New Year. We beg of Our Lord to repay all your fatherly kindness to us by an abundance of His blessings.

The Novices proposed for Profession have all a majority of both the Local Votes & the Votes of the Council. There is one who has not the same number of Votes in her favour, still out of 24 Vocals she has 15 Votes in her favour. They are all the six at S^t Leonard's & are in retreat, hoping to make their Vows on the 7th Friday next. Will your Lordship kindly appoint some one to examine them.

I enclose again the names of the Novices with the Votes, as Y^r Lordship may not have the former paper I sent at hand.

With renewed thanks & begging y^r blessing

I am, My Lord,

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M. Angelica

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

Jan^{ry} 2nd 1875

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Mother Veronica has finished the translation of the 1st part of the Rule w^h you gave us. It has been forwarded to Father Bosio & she is ready for the second Part if y^r Lordship has it ready to send.

We have received no answer as yet from D^r O'Reilly, but are going to write again about the election made for Blackpool.

Mother Eulalia has seen the Bishop of Liverpool, but she has got no satisfaction from him. He has, I believe, left it to her to remain where she is until the amalgamation takes place.

We are so sorry to trouble your Lordship so much & we feel so grateful for all your past kindness.

Begging your blessing

Believe me

Your Lordship's obedient serv^t in JC

Mth Angelica Croft

Sec Gen^t

The Convent

S^t Leonards' on Sea

Jan^{ry} 8th 1875

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

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My Lord & dear Father in Xt [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General thinks it well y^r Lordship should know that the Bishop of Liverpool has again expressed his fixed determination that the amalgamation of the houses in Preston should take place or that the Sisters should leave the diocese. He told Mother Eulalia so, again, in an interview she had with him last week, relative to the affairs at S^t Walburga's Convent.

Mother Agnes & Mother Gertrude are coming to- day for the Council. One of the main points for consideration is, whether, as far as our own body is concerned, it would not be more advisable to carry out the Bishop's wishes at once Mother General, Mother Aloysia & I are strongly in favour of the amalgamation. It remains to be seen whether Mother Agnes & Mother Gertrude are of the same mind.

I wrote to Father Whitty to know what would be the consequence of this move, whether the work of the Sisters in Preston would remain the same, whether it would be somewhat curtailed or whether the whole would be put into other hands. As yet we have received no answer on this point. You will easily see, My Lord, how necessary it is for us to know how we shall stand if the amalgamation takes place. The giving up of the whole work in Preston would be a serious matter, to curtail it not so serious. We have very good reasons for wishing for the amalgamation, w^h we hope to make known to Y^r Lordship after the Council. The Bishop of Liverpool has not answered our letter of the 28th of December, in which we asked him whether he approved of the Election made for Blackpool, nor have we written to him yet to ask for the "delay" w^h your Lordship suggested. This, we thought, might come better after the Council. Mother Veronica has translated

the portion of the Rule w^h Y^r Lordship gave us. If the next Section is ready, she would be glad to have it.

With many thanks for all your kindness & begging Y^r blessing Believe me

Y^r Lordship's obedient Serv^t in JC

S^{tr} Angelica Croft

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

Jan^{ry} 12th 1875

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Very many thanks for your kind letter to which I hasten to reply.

We have not printed any of the Rule yet, because our Mother General has been told that " Propaganda " will not accept any printed matter for approval that had not been printed in their own Press. She wishes to know from y^r Lordship if this statement is correct, as it would be useless to print the Rule here, if it had to be done over again in Rome.

Nothing would be a greater consolation to us than to see y^r Lordship here while the Council is assembled, but we do not see how this can be accomplished, as you say you could not come till Tuesday next, and Mother Agnes & Mother Gertrude both say it is imperative that they should leave here the latest on Saturday. We have carefully noted down the results of our deliberations so that all may be submitted to y^r Lordship.

Again thanking you for your great consideration & kindness

Believe me

Y^r Lordship's obedient serv^t in X^t

Mth Angelica Croft

Sec^{ly} Gen.

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

Jan^{ry} 13th 1875

My Lord & Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

I wrote so hurriedly last night that I forgot to tell y^r Lordship that we shall be most careful to keep all our deliberations perfectly quiet & secret until y^r Lordship has been informed of & sanctioned the results.

I feel quite sorry to trouble y^r Lordship again so soon, but we thought you might be anxious on this point. A great many prayers are being said for the success of our work.

Again begging y^r Lordship's blessing

I remain

Y^r obedient Serv^t in X^t

Mth Angelica Crift

The Convent

S^t Leonards' on Sea

Jan^{ry} 14th 1875

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [Copied from Photostat of Original]

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

I forward to you a copy of the matter submitted to your Lordship last Friday. The names of the three Novices to be professed are on separate sheet of paper. S^{tr} M Christina & S^{tr} M Gabrielle finish on the 25th of March, but we voted for them now as we did not know when the Council would be able to meet again. There is one Novice to be dismissed.

With regard to the provisional Superior for S^t Leonards, Our Mother General is quite satisfied that the matter should stand over for the present. Your Lordship will be pleased to know that Our Mother General was much consoled with the report w^h we gave her of our visit on Friday. They will set about printing the Rule at once. I enclose copies of our letters to the Father Provincial, the Bishop of Liverpool & to the local Superiors in Preston. You will see, my Lord, that we have not spoken of Mother Gertrude's election for Preston, except to the Bishop, we thought it advisable to wait until she had seen His Lordship. Again thanking you, My Lord, for your very great kindness

I remain

Y^r obedient serv^t in JC

S^{tr} Angelica Croft

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

Jan^{ry} 17th 1875

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General desires me to say that Mother Gertrude saw the Bishop of Liverpool again last week. He is pleased that steps are being taken to effect the amalgamation of the houses in Preston. His Lordship told Mother Gertrude that he would be satisfied to accept anyone as Superior in Preston who had not lived there. Having elected Mother Gertrude to the office, to meet His Lordship's wishes, The Council still desire her to undertake it. There are many difficulties to contend with on all sides in Preston & Mother Gertrude having lived so long in Blackpool has a knowledge of the affairs there. With the blessing of God we hope that she may be able to bring things round, She is fully determined to use every endeavour to do so. We have written to His Lordship of Liverpool for sanction to make the necessary moves in Preston, so that Mother Gertrude may enter at once on the duties of her office there. He has accepted Mother de Britto as Superior of Blackpool. The Sisters have suffered so much from the unsettled state of things, that we are anxious this uncertainty & consequent discomfort for them may cease.

Begging your Lordship's blessing

I am, My Lord

Y^t obedient serv^t in X^t

Mth Angelica Croft

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

St Leonards on Sea

Feb^{ry} 1st 1875

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

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My Lord & dear Father in X^t

You will remember that after our last Council in January, the names of two Novices were sent to your Lordship who had been proposed & voted for, but whose Noviciate did not terminate till the 25th of March. Our Mother General has desired me to send their names to y^e Lordship again & to ask if the Novices may be examined & admitted to their first Vows on the feast of the Annunciation which is transferred to the 5th of April.

Our Mother General wished me also to tell y^e Lordship that the business in Preston respecting the amalgamation of the houses is not terminated. There has been a difficulty in getting a house large enough to accommodate all the Sisters, but we hope we have met, now, something suitable which we are going to propose to His Lordship of Liverpool. There are many other difficulties to contend with & our Mother General has sent me up to Preston for a time to help Mother Gertrude. We hope in another month's time to see our way clearer & to provide for the physical wants of the place. We trust to God's help & blessing, in time, to bring about that union of spirit which will make us one in heart & soul. The more we see of Preston & the state of things there, the more we feel convinced that the amalgamation of the houses will be a great benefit to the Communities, when once it is accomplished. The work may seem to suffer, but as we know that whatever tells upon the religious spirit of the Sisters will, in the long run, tell upon their work, we look forward to good results even for the work in hand.

Begging your Lordship's blessing

I remain My Lord

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

S^{tr} Angelica

Sec Gen^l

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea.

March 14th 1875

Novices to be admitted to first Vows –

Sister Mary Christina Patmore

Sister Mary S^t Gabriel S^t John Carr

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

March 14th 1875

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to tell y^r Lordship that we have received a copy of a "Protest" made by Mother Alphonsa against our proceedings in the affairs at Preston, w^h she says she has sent to Rome & of w^h we understand y^r Lordship has also a copy.

All that we have done with regard to the amalgamation was, as y^r Lordship knows, ordered by the Bishop of Liverpool, & sanctioned by you My Lord.

When the amalgamation was decided upon the Superiors in Preston received a notification to that effect & from that moment the three houses of S^t Wilfreds, S^t Ignatius & S^t Walburga, may be said to have ceased to exist. Mother Gertrude was elected to the amalgamated house & y^r Lordship knows under what circumstances.

We are so sorry to trouble you again My Lord, knowing as we do what a weight of business already presses upon you,

Humbly asking your blessing

I am, My Lord

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

S^{tr} Angelica Croft

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent,

S^t Leonards on Sea

April 11th 1875

My dear Lord & Father in X^t

Our Mother General has desired me to tell y^r Lordship that when we were last in London we went to S^t George's hoping to see you, but we found you had gone to Belgium. Our Mother General now wishes me to say that with the approbation of the Cardinal Archbishop, the Com^{ty} at S^t Anne's is going to move into a larger house the Sisters will be better able to carry on their work. The new house is in Nottingham Place, within a quarter of an hour's walk from the three Schools. Besides the position, it offers many other advantages & we hope, by the blessing of God, that the work may increase and prosper The Sisters hope to move within three weeks or a fortnight.

Begging a blessing for us all

I am, My Lord,

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M. Angelica

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Oct^{ber} 10th 1875

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [Copied from Photostat of Original]

[In another hand] – Granted leave for the 4 Postulants

The Novices to be examined later

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to forward to you the name of some Postulants who have asked for Admission, & the names & Votation for six Novices whose term of Probation ends on the 15th of December. Will you kindly give y^r sanction for the admission of the Postulants. One Minnie Gerity is from our School at Blackpool & is 19 years of age, Dora Dobson is from Preston about the same age. She has been teaching in the Schools for upwards of five y^{rs}—. Bridget Hedderman is from London & was brought up with our Sisters there. Mary Teresa M^cDonnell is from Bletchingly. They have the Votes of the Council for admission May I beg an early reply about the Postulants. Our Mother General thinks that the Examination of the Novices will do later, but we were obliged to take the Votes of the Council now for their admission, as we shall not meet again till January. The children's retreat begins this evening. There are about a hundred to make it. F^r Goldie is the priest appointed to give it, having faculties.

Begging y^r Lordship's blessing on us all

I am, my Lord

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M. Angelica

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

S^t L's on Sea

Oct^{ber} 18th 1875 -

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to send you the enclosed Names. Three Postulants to be received as such and one to be admitted to the Habit. Miss Dobson has no dower, but has passed her time as a Pupil Teacher in Preston & in time will be able to take a certificate. We shall deem it a favour if y^t Lordship will give the necessary permission for her to receive the Habit & appoint someone to examine her. She is at Mayfield.

The three Postulants whose names are sent are also at Mayfield & are longing to begin. Miss Bamber & Miss Baines come to us from Preston. Miss Balz from London. They are all three all that we could wish, as far as we can see at present.

Humbly begging y^z blessing

I am, my dear Lord

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M. Angelica

Sec^{ty} Gen^t

The Convent

Jan^{ry} 18th 1876

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [Copied from Photostat of Original]

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Feb^{ry} 21st 1876

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to send you the enclosed names of two Postulants who ask to be received. Unfortunately our Council cannot meet owing to Mother Gertrude's illness. I can therefore only send you the Votes of the Mother General and the two assistants who are here. There is however no doubt about this matter.

Miss French has the necessary dower, Miss Carter has not, but she is a dower in herself ! – They have both been in our Schools & are well known to us.

May I ask your Lordship's blessing for our sick. Three of our Sisters have lately received the last Sacraments two here and one at Mayfield. Our children are all well (D G) & are very good.

With many thanks for all y^r Lordship's past kindnesses & begging y^r blessing

I am, My Lord,

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M Angelica

Sec. Gen^l

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to forward to your Lordship the enclosed list of the different appointments we have been obliged to make owing to Mother Gertrude's death.

We fear your Lordship will be sorry to lose Mother Catherine from the Orphanage, but Mother Gonzaga who will take the post was assistant for five years with Mother Catherine and fully understands the working of the place. Mother Catherine herself has every confidence in her and we feel sure y^r Lordship will have every reason to be satisfied with her.

You will remember my Lord, that on a former occasion, we spoke to you about our house in Toul. We have been strongly advised to leave the town & the Bishop of Nancy thinks that we cannot do better than sell the house. We have taken steps to carry out this measure retaining possession of it however until August when the Scholastic year ends.

We all unite in wishing y^r Lordship a happy Easter

Begging y^r blessing

I am, my Lord,

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M Angelica

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

April 16th 1876

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S^t Leonards on Sea

June 1st 1876]

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My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

I enclose the names of two Postulants who are very anxious to receive the habit on the feast of S^t Aloysius the 21st of June, if y^r Lordship will give the necessary permission & appoint some one to examine them. As they are at Mayfield perhaps it would be convenient for F^r Warner to do this. I also send the name of a Postulant who has been a little while at Mayfield, sent by the Rev^d F^r Dolman.

We do not expect Mother Aloysia & Mother Agnes back till the beginning of July. In the mean while the poor postulants are sighing to begin their Noviciate.

We hope for very good results from the visit to America. Your Lordship will be pleased to know that everything here is going on very satisfactorily

Next week will be Ember week & the Sisters would have been glad if the Extraordinary Confessor could have come this week instead of next. If y^r Lordship has not already granted the permission, may we apply to Farm S^t for a Father? By coming to morrow afternoon, he could be back in London for his Confessions on Saturday afternoon.

Begging y^r Lordship's blessing, with grateful thanks for so many past kindnesses

I am, My Lord,

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M Angelica [Croft]

The Convent

S^t L's on Sea

June 1st 1876

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [Copied from Photostat of Original]

My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to send you the Votation of the Council for the Local Superior at Mayfield. She would be ready to enter upon her duties in about a week if y^r Lordship approves of the act.

We are truly sorry to lose her Miss Bethell Sister Rita from this house & we scarcely know how we shall supply her place. Her services will however be of greater value in her new office & this alone reconciles us to the sacrifice.

Begging y^r Lordships blessing

I am My Lord

Y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M Angelica

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Oct^{ber} 5th 1876

Copy of a Letter to the Bishop of Southwark

My Lord & d^f Father in X^t

As Mother Angelica is ill Rev^d Mother has desired me to send to your Lordship the votes of the General & Local Councils for the Clothing of 'Eleanor' Kelly and Marie Roberts, & for the profession of S^f Sebastian (Agnes Morley) We shall be very glad if it will suit your Lordship to have the Ceremony at Mayfield on the 1st of May - & to appoint some one to examine them there. Rev^d Mother desires me to say that it will give us much pleasure if your Lordship could spare the time to perform the ceremony, but should this be impracticable would your Lordship permit Father Hogan to do so?

We have discussed the point regarding the convoking the Chapter & the general opinion is, that as our affairs are now in the hands of the Consultor it will be advisable to have advice from him as to the time & manner of convoking it.

Begging your Lordship's blessing

I am

Your Lordship's obedient child in JC

M. Agnes C.A.

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

April 14th 1877

Votes of the Community

Agnes Morley S^t Leonards 21 Vocals

For S^r Sebastian clothed Feb 19th 1875

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Copy of a Letter to the Bishop of Southwark

My Lord & d^r Father in X^t

As Mother Angelica is ill Rev^d Mother has desired me to send to your Lordship the votes of the General & Local Councils for the Clothing of Eleanor Kelly and Marie Roberts, & for the profession of S^r Sebastian (Agnes Morley) We shall be very glad if it will suit your Lordship to have the Ceremony at Mayfield on the 1st of May - & to appoint some one to examine them there. Rev^d Mother desires me to say that it will give us much pleasure if your Lordship could spare the time to perform the ceremony, but should this be impracticable would your Lordship permit Father Hogan to do so?

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I am

Your Lordship's obedient child in JC

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[S^t Leonard's on Sea

Jan^{ry} 28th 1878]

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My dear Lord & Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

You will be glad to hear that dear Mother General is much better again. She is by no means well, and I fear never will be, but some of the bad symptoms have abated. Your Lordship's visit to her was a great comfort both to her & to us. I wish we could tell you how grateful we are for your many kindnesses.

We are anxious to get a little Manual printed for our Children of Mary. It consists of three parts

- 1st The Ceremonial for the Admission of Members
- 2nd The Rules for the Members w^h were printed for the Sodality in Preston with the permission of D^f Goss
- 3rd The little Office of the Immaculate Conception & the service for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mother Catherine will show y^f Lordship the manuscript so that all may be done in order.

Begging y^f blessing

I am My Lord

respectfully in X^t

M Angelica

S^t Leonard's on Sea

Jan^{ry} 28th 1878

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

April 13th 1878

J.M.J.

My Lord and dear Father in Xt.

About a fortnight ago I had the honour of sending your Lordship the results of the Votation of the Local Chapter of S^t Leonards & Mayfield & of the General Council for the admission to First Vows of Sisters Mary Margaret, Walburga, Hilda, and Aluigi – and for the Clothing of Louisa Cusack, Margaret Burge & Minnie Harnett. I now write to beg your Lordship to allow their profession & clothing to take place here on April 30th the Tuesday in Low Week. We should rejoice if you, my Lord, could perform the ceremony in person, but in case the press of business which this holy season usually brings will not allow us to have the honour of your presence will you kindly give the necessary faculties to Father Hogan. With respect to the examination of the four Novices who are already here, Father Hogan thinks it better that he should not do it, will your Lordship therefore delegate the power to Canon Wenham who will be here on Monday next for the religious examination of our Schools? The three Postulants will make their retreat at Mayfield, would your Lordship like Canon Wenham to examine them also, as he goes there on Tuesday? or shall Father Warner do it later?

Begging your Lordship's blessing

I remain, my Lord

Your obedient Servant in X^t

Mother M Theophila SHCJ

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J.M.J.

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

July 29th 1878.

My Lord and d^r Father in X^t,

I have the honour to forward to you the result of the Votation of the Local & General Councils for the Clothing of seven Postulants. Misses Walton & Bishop will be provided with the dower required. Miss Vasey has brought £100 to pay for the two years of her Noviceship but her Father being a Protestant is not likely to give her anything. Miss Cummins has no dower but we hope that we shall be able to train her to teach in the Poor Schools with a certificate. If your Lordship will kindly confirm these Votations and permit the ceremony of the Clothing to take place on the 22nd of August, we shall be very glad, as the families of the Postulants are anxious to know the probable date, and Mother Aloysia will endeavour to secure a Father for the retreat in time, who, if you approve, could also examine the Postulants.

Begging your blessing on all.

I am, my Lord.

Yr humble Servant in Xt

M Mary Theophila SHCJ

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SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

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My Lord & dear Father in X^t [Bishop Danell]

Our Mother General has desired me to send you the enclosed names of five Postulants who, with the approbation of your Lordship, will be ready to receive the habit soon. On the fifteenth of April they will all have completed the three months postulancy three of them are now beyond their time.

They are all at Mayfield & our Mother General thought perhaps it would be convenient for Father Evangelist if he is still at Pennybridge to examine them.

One only, Miss Gerity, has the required dower, but they are all well suited for our work & have been known to our Sisters in different places.

Begging your Lordship's blessing & thanking you again for your many kindnesses

I am, My Lord,

y^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M Angelica

Sec^{ty} Gen^t

The Convent

S^t Leonard's on Sea

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

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Convent of the Holy Child Jesus

S^t Leonards on Sea

J.M.J.

My dear Lord, [Bishop Grant]

I am sure you will be glad to hear of the safe arrival of our dearest Rev^d Mother. I received a few lines today for the first time since her departure for America. I am happy to say that at the time she wrote she was quite well, having suffered only for the first three days from sea sickness. She desired me to beg your Lordship to come down, if you can, some day during the Octave of the Immaculate Conception as about that time Miss Bethell and Miss Hustler will have finished their term of Postulancy, and are both most anxious to receive the habit from your hands.

Rev^d Mother begs you will sometimes remember us in your good prayers.

Begging your Lordships blessing for us all, and hoping for a favourable reply for the Postulants.

I remain

Your Lordship's

faithful servant in J.C.

Sister Theresa.

November 11th 1867

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SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

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The Convent

St Leonards on Sea

J.M.J.

December 5th 1867

My dear Lord [Bishop Grant]

The enclosed certificates, and receipts ought to have gone to M^r Stonor on the 3rd but as Mess^{rs} Hodgson & Osborn did not send the receipt for the last payment £450 I sent a Telegram to them this morning and enclose you the answer. By this afternoons post the receipt came.

The Bank very kindly allowed us to draw upon it and we shall be very thankful if your Lordship can after receiving the enclosed receipts have a cheque forwarded for the amount £1400. I am as much astonished as your Lordship at the present demand for £500. But as M^r Pugin has given the certificate for the same I presume it must be right. Perhaps M^r Pugin had better be written to ?

As to the remaining payments I hope dear Rev^d Mother will be here to meet you on the 10th and she will speak to you on the subject herself.

The Duchess begs I will tell your Lordship that she will be happy to meet you at Ore on Tuesday the 10th at 12 a.m. and hopes you will dine with her at six in the evening together with M^r Donnelly and M^r Bethell

Asking your Lordship blessing for us all and a little prayer for dear Rev, Mother, and Sisters.

I am

My dear Lord

Your faithful servant in J.C.

S^r Theresa.

J.M.J.

My dear Lord [Bishop Grant]

I have just received your little note concerning Dowry of the Postulants. The arrangements made for Miss Bethell were that she should pay as pension during the Noviceship from £40 to £100 per annum. Her fortune at the end of the Noviciate to be permanently settled. Miss Hustler has no fortune being a Convert and quite disowned by her family in consequence of her Religion. In fact she was absolutely turned out of her home after suffering many persecutions for her Faith. She was admitted into the Convent more than a year ago for the purpose of being instructed and on the 28th of April 1867 was received as a Postulant. She is extremely good, and her education will render her useful in our Schools.

Thanking your Lordship for your former most kind letter which I have forwarded to our dearest Rev Mother by the last Mail and which will be a great consolation to her, and begging your Lordships blessing for us all. I remain

My dear Lord

Your faithful servant

in J.C.

Sister Theresa

November 16th 1867

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

[Copied from Photostat]

Copy

My Lord & Father in J.C. [Bishop O'Reilly of Liverpool]

Not having heard from your Lordship in reply to my letter of Dec^r 18th I have presumed that the paper of decisions which I then submitted to your Lordship is correct. I have therefore sent a copy of the same to the Superiors in Preston & Blackpool, omitting only however the two points which concern Mother Eulalia, & the Community at S^t Walburga's.

Since your Lordship has not seen fit to confirm the elections lately made for Preston, our Mother General wishes to know if those made for Blackpool meet with Y^r Lordship's approbation, namely Mother de Britto Mullins Sup^r Mother S^t Peter Lansdowne Assistant Mother de Britto has been Assistant in Blackpool for some years, & has lived in the house for upwards of seven years.

We should be glad to know Y^r Lordship's mind on this matter, as the subject will have to be considered. Our Mother General feels deeply for the Superior & the Community at S^t Walburga's Convent & humbly & earnestly begs that your Lordship would take into consideration how painful it is for them to be condemned, & that on such grave charges, without knowing the accusations made against them, or having the power of refuting them. She therefore desires me to say that she would be most grateful if your Lordship will accede to the wishes of the Superior & the Community & allow the matter to be looked into. Our Mother General mentioned to D^r Fisher in your Lordship's absence that she had withdrawn two Novices from Blackpool, who had been sent some months previously, one on account of her health & the other as a companion & to help in the teaching. Their places were filled up by Mother S^t Peter from Toul & Mother Christina

Cusack from S^t Wilfrid's Preston. We are sorry thus to trouble your Lordship, but we trust to your Lordship's forbearance in consideration of the urgency of the case.

Begging your Lordship's blessing

I am

Y^r obedient Serv^{nt} in J.C.

S^{tr} Angelica Croft.

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Dec^{er} 26th 1874

Copy

[1875?]

To the Bishop of Liverpool

My Lord [Bishop O'Reilly]

Our Mother General wishes me to say that as a first step towards carrying out y^r Lordship's views respecting the houses in Preston, we have written to the Provincial of the Jesuits to say that the amalgamation is to take place & to ask him what number of Sisters will be required for the work, as upon this will depend the amount of accommodation necessary for them. –

Our Council has also elected Mth Gertrude to be Superior of the amalgamated house to meet y^r Lordship's wishes on this point. She will wait upon you & lay before you certain questions w^h require y^r Lordship's consideration.

I am. My Lord,

etc etc

M Angelica

To the Father Provincial

Our Mother General wishes me to tell you that having duly weighed in Council the matter of amalgamation of the houses in Preston we have decided, at any cost, to put the Bishop of Liverpool's wishes into execution & that as speedily as possible. We are very sorry to cause any

trouble & inconvenience to y^r Reverence & the Fathers, but we look upon the amalgamation as the way pointed out to us by God, to bring about a better state of things amongst our Sisters in Preston. May I therefore beg of y^r Reverence to let us know what work will remain to our Sisters, as no step can be taken until we have a clear understanding on this point.

I am etc etc

M Angelica

To the Local Superiors of Preston

My dear Mother

Our Mother General wishes me to tell you that the Council, after duly weighing the matter, has decided, at any cost, to fall in with the Bishop's views & that active measures will be taken at once to forward the amalgamation of the houses in Preston –

I am etc etc

M Angelica

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [copied from typed copy
authenticated by the Rev. L.E.Whatmore.]

[In Mother Connelly's hand save signatures]

We hereby certify that Mother Maria Rita Bethell has been elected in accordance with the rule to the office of Local Superioress in the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, Blackpool – leaving the confirmation of the said Superioress to His Lordship the Bishop of Liverpool.

+ James Bishop of Southwark

The Mother House – S^t Leonards on Sea

August 16th 1877

William J. Hogan

Secretary.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [copied from typed copy
authenticated by the Rev. L.E.Whatmore.]

[In Mother Connelly's hand, save signatures]

We hereby certify that Mother St Peter Lansdowne has been elected in accordance with the rule to the office of First Local Assistant in the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, Blackpool – leaving the confirmation of the said First Assistant to His Lordship the Bishop of Liverpool.

+ James Bishop of Southwark

The Mother House S^t Leonards on Sea –

August 16th 1877

William J. Hogan

Secretary.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [copied from typed copy
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[In Mother Connelly's hand except for signatures]

We hereby certify the Mother S^t John Williams has been elected in accordance with the Rule to the office of Local Superioress in the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, Preston leaving the confirmation of the said Superioress to His Lordship the Bishop of Liverpool

+ James Bishop of Southwark

The Mother House. S^t Leonards on Sea

August 16th 1877

William J. Hogan

Secretary.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [copied from typed copy
authenticated by the Rev. L.E.Whatmore.]

[In Mother Connelly's hand save signatures and * which is inserted
by Bishop Danell]

We hereby certify that Mother * Annunziata Wynn has been elected in accordance
with the rule to the office of First local Assistant in the Convent of the Holy Child
Jesus, Preston leaving the confirmation of the said First Assistant to His Lordship
the Bishop of Liverpool

+ James Bishop of Southwark

The Mother House – S^t Leonards on Sea

August 16th 1877.

William J. Hogan

Secretary.

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[The following is written in purple ink on folded lined foolscap in Mother Connelly's
 hand]

Donations to the end of the year	1868	£	130.	0.	0
Id	id		20.	10.	0
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Present to the Convent of beds & bedding					
from M ^r : M ^c Donough. Manchester			75.	0	0
Donation in money from id			25.	0	0
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R.C.Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea.

Sept. 28th 1863.

To T W Allies Esqre.

My Dear Sir,

Reverend Mother desires me to enclose you this letter of Mr Stokes' which we received to day & to say that I will forward to you the form of which he speaks as soon as I can fill it up, although it is quite unnecessary that it should be sent so soon as before it has generally been given to the Inspector when he came for the Examination. I am sure it is quite superfluous for me to remind you that I only accepted the Office of Principal on condition that we should not be obliged to admit M^r Stokes at this Training School.

I am &c

Annie Laprimaudaye

Copy. Ap 11th /77 –

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JMJ

Rev^d & dear Father in X^t [Padre Anselmo Knapen]

By this post we are sending your Reverence the amended copy of the Bishop of Southwark's Rule as well as the observations which have been made upon it partly in America & partly in England. You will find the signatures of the Local Superiors in America appended to the remarks written there & the Local Superiors of our two houses in the North of England have signed their observations also. Our Mother General & the four General Assistants have signed the amended copy of the Rule.

We also send Part 1V " the Directory " which has never been translated into Italian as it was not supposed necessary to present it to Rome for approbation – The amendments in the " Direction for the Superioress Gen^l The Local Superioresses & the 1st Assistant have been mainly taken from the Rule approved by Cardinal Wiseman. When at the Chapter in August 1874, we signed the Rule given us by His Lordship, we did so for three years, understanding that during that time we were to make our observations upon it & at the following Chapter to propose such amendments as we wished.

We can if you wish, give you reasons & explanations for all the amendments that have been made, & this we should like to do & then leave the matter in your hands.

I need not tell your Reverence how much we wish for the completion of this work & how earnestly we pray that God may direct all to His greater glory –

Begging Your blessing & prayers

I am Rev^d & d^f Father in Xt

yours respectfully in JC.

M Agnes

for Mth Angelica Secretary

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Sussex

April 11th 1877

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JMJ

Rev^d & dear Father in Christ [Padre Anselmo Knapen]

Our Mother General sent your Reverence in the 10th of April two parcels registered, one containing a copy of the amended Rule, the other, the observations made in the different Convents.

We shall be glad to know if y^r Reverence received among the papers from Rome a copy of D^r Danell's Rule unamended if not we shall have pleasure in sending you one. We do not wish to put you to any inconvenience, but we shall esteem it a kindness if you will at your leisure give us any information regarding the convoking the Chapter & in what form it is necessary to be sent; we are very anxious to know this, as we must inform our Sisters in America as soon as possible in order that they may have sufficient time to make their arrangements. Should your Reverence desire us to come over to you, Our Mother General will be only too happy to make any arrangement that may expedite matters. Begging your prayers & blessing.

Believe me

Rev^d & dear Father in X^t

yours obediently in JC.

M. Agnes

SHC Jesus

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

April 14th 1877

Copy -

The Convent

Feb^y 16th [1876]

Letter sent by the same mail to Sharon f^m M. Aloysia G.A.

JMJ.

My dear Sister Antonia [Gray]

Your letter & those of the other Sisters in America did not cause any astonishment here, but they created great sorrow in our hearts for the present trouble & anxiety & make us pray doubly hard that God may raise us some friend able & willing to help us out of our difficulty. We can sympathise with you truly & sincerely & we do so for you, for you are suffering now some of the trials which we have gone through. Our troubles- many of them – have been brought on us by members of our own body who lodged complaints to the Bishop – complaints with little or no foundation - & not alone to the Bishop, but to the Sacred Congregation. I will not enter into details as M.M.Walburga can inform you of them by word of mouth much more accurately than I can in writing – ask her to do so & then you will see better how it happened that D^f Danell drew up the Rule which he presented to the General Chapter for discussion. M.M.Walburga can also tell you all that occurred at the Chapter and how much Rev^d Mother suffered at the time –

Now though we all agreed that in the Rule certain changes

were absolutely necessary & must be made especially in regard to the Government & temporal administration, still we objected, & do object to many things in the Rule then framed. The B. of Southwark is most kind & large minded & has said over & over again that if after giving the Rule a fair trial we find things that will not work well we must draw up a statement of our difficulties & objections & then send them to Rome . We intend doing this as soon as the Rule is presented the [sic] Propaganda, & we hope you will do the same acting in union with us, for I am quite sure we all wish for the same thing, though, from your not knowing all the circumstances, it seems to you otherwise.

You may say that M. M. Xavier has kept you all united quietly A M D G & you seem to think that if the new Rule had not been sent to D^r Wood you still would have gone on in peace. Well you might have done so for some time longer, but you must in the end have awakened to the fact that our Rule is not approved by the Holy See, & that though you might be very good & doing much for the glory of God & the good of souls, still we are not acknowledged by the Church as Religious, till we are approved at Rome, also that there can be no solid foundation to the Society without the approval. Perhaps you will say why did not Rev^d Mother try to get the old Rule approved? And I answer you that she did try & that she has been twice to Rome for the purpose & that the Holy See will not approve the old Rule as it stands - & that the Consultor at Propaganda desired her to make certain changes in it. She,

with her assistants & the Consultor drew up the Rule which was sent to America in 1869 or 1870. At the same time it was given to us in England, Cardinal Barnabo sending a letter with it, in which he advised the Sisters to study the Rule & after mature deliberation to sign it if they thought good. Of course they were at liberty to do so or not as they thought right.

Probably if we had then been all united we should have got the approval, but we were not united. The Sisters in Preston complained of Rev^d Mother & her Government both to the B. of Liverpool & to the Holy See & so put a stop to the

proceedings about the Rule – In consequence of the representations of these malcontents, we had an Ecclesiastical Visitation - & the Rule was drawn up which has so upset you all in America. We presume that the B. of Southwark sent the Rule to your A Bishop; certainly we did not. I hope that you now understand that Rev^d Mother is not to be blamed in any way for your present suffering, for indeed she is not. She herself has suffered on the same account more than all of us put together. She has been blamed here for holding opinions like your own & for not wishing to change the Rule - & now you turn & blame her as if she had caused the destruction of your peace and happiness. It has been very much against her will that any change has been made in the Rule for she holds heart & soul to the Rule of St. Ignatius but she submits herself and all her inclinations to the Church, & when she is told at Propaganda that the old Rule cannot be approved as it stands but must have certain changes made in it, she is willing

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& ready to obey. In fact we must obey if we wish to exist as a Religious Order.

We think your best plan is to go on practising the old Rule (as your Arch Bishop will not sanction the new one) for as long as you do so, and do nothing worthy of reprehension His Grace cannot possibly turn you out of his diocese.

Neither can he insist on your throwing off your obedience to the M. General and your union with us, unless you yourselves wish it. He received you as you are now, under a General Government & if you are true to yourselves, he will retain you so. The B^p of Liverpool wd not at first accept this new Rule, but now he allows the Sisters to practise it tho' he objects to certain points in it especially to the " Bishop Superior ". I suppose you know that the chief of the malcontents in the North has left the Society, & now the SS are united & in peace so we may hope for better days. The great thing is that we must be united – united with our head & with one another. When the petition goes to Rome let us all be of one mind. Rev^d Mother has told M.M.Xavier what most of the articles in the Rule are to which we object – I mean the important ones - & I presume by your letter that she has told the SS. Some points in the Rule

are very excellent, but others must be changed. Rome is just & will listen to our representations, & not impose anything on us which we cannot practice.

I do not know if my mind will convey my sentiments to your mind for it seems to me that written communications very often give quite another impression to the one intended to be

given by the writer, but I hope I have made mine clear to your.

1. That Rev^d Mother did not send the Rule to D^r Wood neither did it go from any of us. – that probably D^r Danell sent it & must have forgotten or mislaid the letter of explanation which ought to have gone with it. He is the last man in the world to do anything wanting in kindness or courtesy.

2 That it is absolutely necessary that we should have the approval of Rome for our Rule.

3 That we have been told by the Authorities at Propaganda that the Old Rule would never be approved as it stands - but must have certain changes & additions made (M.M.Xavier has the copy of the letter by D^r Grant, stating objections made at Propaganda.)

4 That Rev^d Mother & the Consultor at Propaganda drew up the Rule of 1869, thinking that she had in it met the requirements stated in D^r Grant's letter – That Preston SS, some of them objected to Rule & to Rev^d Mother's Government, & that then in 1874 D^r Danell drew up the last Rule, thinking that after it had been discussed in the General Chapter it would satisfy all.

5 That we think some things in the new Rule excellent & find they work well, but we object to others & mean to draw up a statement of our objections to send to Rome.

6 That we want the SS in America to study the Rule prayerfully & carefully – then write your objections, sign

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your names & send to Rome with ours. I wish with all my heart that M.M.Xavier could come over to England, for if she could talk & reason things out with Rev^d Mother, all would be so much clearer. I have been praying Our Lord to inspire her to come if it is for His honour and our good. We must all pray much & beg the Holy Spirit to guide & enlighten us. We began a public Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows the day we got your letters. I trust that all things will work together for good & that D^r W. will not be hard on you. You must try to gain time with him & pray to be very prudent in all your dealings with him.

Now I will finish this long letter. Be sure we are all praying with you & for you.. Let us keep united – then we shall be safe.

My love to every one of the dear Sisters especially all the dear old ones who went from here. Give my love to M.M.X. & M.M.W. & tell them how sorry we are for all their sufferings & how we pray for them.

With much love to yourself dearest S^r Antonia

Always your affect. Sister in J.C.

Aloysia -

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

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Rev^d & dear Father Bosio,

After we left you last Saturday it struck both Mother Aloysia & me that it would be very necessary for us to have some communication with our Sisters in America before the Rule goes to Propaganda. We had intended to open a correspondence with them last January, but D^r Danell thought it rather premature, because they had not received then a correct copy of the Rule. Now, no doubt, they have it. It seems to us a pity to run any risk of making a split with them & perhaps if things were hurried too much they might feel themselves authorised to take umbrage at our haste, & so a disagreement might arise. The Bishop very kindly said that when the Rule goes to Rome we might send any remarks we saw fit to make now if a little time were given to our American Sisters to do so, things might all go smoothly, but as it is, they have heard very little from us on the point since the Chapter. The only thing we fear is the thing being done too hastily & inconvenience thus arising.

Asking y^r prayers & blessingsI am, Rev^d FatherY^{rs} respectfully in X^t

M. Angelica

Sec^{ty} Gen^l

The Convent

S^t L's on SeaApril 18th 1875

MAYFIELD ARCHIVES.

[From Red Leather Notebook, dated on the outside 1869/70/71/72, in C.C.'s hand]

Le Couvent S^t Leonards on Sea

Sussex

Ma bien chère Mademoiselle Colin

Nous avons eu un grand malheur Il y a quatre [last word written over another and not clear] jours que nous venons de recevoir la nouvelle affligeante de la mort de notre vénérée Evéque M^{gr} Grant, - C'est une perte pour nous qui est très douloureuse je vous assure! Ses vertus sa piété sa bienfaisance nous ~~garantissent un Protecteur dans le Ciel~~ mais tout de meme mes Coeurs sont bien affligée [sic] et le Coeur parfait de ce sage bon [sic] grand prélat nous le font ~~bien~~ [sic] regretter et en même temps nous garantissent un puissant protecteur ~~eu Gi~~ [sic] dans le Ciel.

Votre ~~bienvue~~ bonne [sic] lettre est arrivée pendant mon absence de S^t Leonards et je saisis [sic] le premier moment qui ce presente de libre pour vous en remercier . Je n'ai pas encore reçu l' approbation officielle de Monseigneur de Nancy pour la foundation mais je pense qu'elle ne retardera [sic] pas longtemps d'arriver, et j'espère vers la fin de Juin ou le commencement de Juillet de vous envoyer trois de nos Soeurs qui ~~666666nt~~ [sic] se trouveront très heureuses de ~~conn-~~ [sic] vous connaitre, si [sic] vous et vos enfants, et de s'instruire sur toutes les choses ordinaires du pensionnat et du ménage qui sont nécessaires ~~de savoir~~ [sic] à connaitre Je n'ose pas me proposer le plaisir de les accompagner mais un peu plus tard j'espère d'aller les voir, et de vous trouver tout pres d'elles, et tout près de la petite future chapelle ou votre petite chaise vous amenera et vous

laisser ~~eu~~ [sic] près du bon Dieu pour ~~lui~~^{le} [sic] prier d'enrichir votre âme de ses graces et de benir toutes vos anciennes élèves et [sic] autant que celles qui doivent les suivre dans le futur Couvent.

Milles choses à ^{la chère} [sic] madame Ballaud de ma part et à notre bonne Mademoiselle Fribour. Quand vous verrez M. le Curé veuillez avoir la bonté de lui donner nos hommages très respectueux – Agréez ls amitiés ~~les plus cordiales~~ [sic] bien sincères de nous toutes et croyez moi dans les SS Coeurs de J. & de M. votre toute dévouée

C.C.

Ce 6 Juin

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The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

le 24 Avril 1872

JMJ.

Madame,

Madame la Superieure m'a chargée de repondre à la lettre que que [sic] vous lui avez ecrite au mois de Fevrier. Elle n'y a pas repondu avant car elle ne connaissait personne qui aurait pu vous convenir. A present nous avons vu une dame que nous nous croyons pouvoir vous recommander. Elle est Anglaise, âgé a peu pres de 36 ans, tout-a-fait comme il faut, et avec des manières agréables, elle a aussi une tres bonne education. Cette dame a été en pension au Couvent des Ursulines à Boulogne, elle connait plusieurs Prêtres francais et aussi des familles dans le Departement du Calvados.

Elle peut enseigner l'Anglais et le Francais. La Musique un peu et le dessin. L'Histoire la Geographie, enfin tout ce qui appartiene [sic] à l'education d'une jeune fille. Elle a été dans plusieurs familles, et peut vous donner tous les renseignements que vous aimerez d'avoiiir. Elle desire beaucoup de se placer dans une famille ou elle serait traitée en amie et se contenterait de recevoir 1000 francs. Si vous croyez que cette dame pourrait vous convenir, vous pourriez lui écrire ou en francais ou en Anglais car elle sait les deux langues parfaitement bien –

Voila son adresse

Miss Hipgrave

Mrs Baker's

Broad Street

Wokingham, Berks.England

Mrs Baker est sa Soeur Mariée – Si vous lui écrivez elle vous dira les familles françaises qu'elle connaît, et les Prêtres français Nous ne somme [s] pas françaises Madame, mais nous prions pour la pauvre France! –

Agréez Madame l'expression bien sincère de mes sentiments religieux

Madame de Cheverue

Chateau de Castillon

Pres Balleroy

D.de Calvados

France

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Post Office orders from Hyeres for S^r Bonaventura & returned for

Monsieur Noel Fellon

2 Boulevard d'Orient

Hyeres Var France

Signore

Vorrebbe avere la compiacenza d'incaricarsi di questi Vaglia Postali 10 in numero, che montano alla somma di 1890 fro i quail furono mandati a Hyères dopo la nostra partenza. La Madre Superiora Generale Cornelia Connelly l'autorizza di fermarli colla sua firma e perciò le manda l'autorizzazione in un foglio di carta qui accluso.

Ma [n]di il denaro al Banco di qui il quale si chiama

London & County Bank

Hastings Branch

Indirizzi la sua lettera al nostro Convento in Inghilterra

La Madre Connelly

Superiora Generale

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Sussex

Angleterre

Spero che gode buona salute ed augurandole ogni bene mi dico Signore

Umil serva in GC.

S.V. [Sister Veronica Fronduti]

ai 14 Maggio 1870

P.S. Abbiamo pensato di mandare i Vaglia Postale per un'altra posta affinché non vi sia pericolo che che [sic] capettesse [?] in mano di qualche d'uno.

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A Monsieur Londe-Francois

Hotel de Bon Lafontaine

Rue de Grenelle

S^t Germain – 16

Paris –

Monsieur

Auriez-vous la complaisance d'envoyer par Petite Vitesse les Colis dont vous êtes dépositaire; c'est a dire celui que nous avons laissé à l'Hôtel avec le petit panier à provisions, et les deux autres que vous avez reçus par Pet. Vit. à cet adresse. M^{lle} Colin. pour M^{de} C..

Hotel de Regny. Rue de R.

Toul. Meurthe.

Faites- vous donner aussi les billets de déclaration. Plusieurs de nos Soeurs doivent passer par Paris dans quelques semaines, et elles régleront les comptes avec vous Monsieur. Ne payez pas les Colis que vous envoyez à Toul.

Agreez Monsieur nos remerciements

&c &c &c &c

Ce 1. Juin 1870

Convent H.C.Jesus. S^t Leonards

June 8th /63.

J.R Morell Esqre

My Dear Sir

We are unwilling to give up all hopes of our 2nd Year Students having their Teaching Ex. before the Midsummer vacations, as we are convinced of the advantage it is to them, and as till last year we have experienced no difficulty in having it at the time we found suited them best, the Inspector having first notified our wish respecting it to the Council Office. We should therefore be much obliged by your letting us know if you will be able to arrange with the C.O. for its being held towards the end of this month or the beginning of next.

I am Sir &c

Annie Laprimaudaye.

Convent H C J. S^t Leonards

June 25th /63.

To J R Morell Esq^{re}.

My Dear Sir,

As from your letter the time of Inspection appeared so uncertain we were unwilling to put off the vacations & have therefore arranged for them to commence on Saturday July 4th so if the Council Office have appointed a time which would interfere with this we should be obliged by your letting us know immediately.

I am Sir &c

Annie Laprimaudaye

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Le Couvent

Hastings Dimanche

Oct 27. [1872]

Madame Silvain

J'arrive demain Lundi à minuit avec deux élèves, je vous prie donc de nous réserver deux chambres a coucher l'une près de l'autre et dont une doit être a deux lits – Je serais aussi très reconnaissante si vous pourriez me procurer des renseignements sur le départ des trains pour Nancy de la gare de Strasbourg surtout si par le train-poste du matin on peut voyager avec des billets de seconde class [e]
Recevez d'avance mes remerciements

S^r.....

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Sep 8 1876.

Mère Théophila

Hotel Vatel Versailles

Le Curé dit que la première lettre suffit, agissez donc. Permission donnée
telegraphiez et je partirai immédiatement

Tout est fini ici

Mere Générale.

Sep 10th

Mère Angèle Couvent Augustine

Rue S^t Martin Versailles

Lettre vous attend Dames Retraite Recu votre carte. Attendrons votre telegramme

Superieure

Sep 11. Mère A [n] gele &c

Reçu telegamme Partons ce soir arrivons à Paris 5 heures Hotel Piel

Superieure

MAYFIELD ARCHIVES.

[From Red Leather Notebook dated 1869/70/71/72, in C.C.'s hand]

To Mademoiselle Turgis

Chez M^r Romanet

a Yongville

Par Hallencourt

Somme

Copie

Ma chère demoiselle

Vous serez sans doute étonnée de recevoir une lettre de moi après deux ans de silence Vous n'avait pas pu oublier qu'avant mon départ pour l'Amerique je vous ai fait savoir que la Revnd Mere m'avait chargé de vous dire que l'argent que vous me deviez devait lui être remis et je pensais que vous vous seriez acquittée envers elle le ~~plustot~~ [sic] plus tôt possible. Cependant je suis bien étonnée d'apprendre que vous n'en avez rien fait La Revnd Mè me charge donc de vous rappeler votre obligationre Je serait bien heureuse d'apprendre que cette dette est acquittee. Vous savez que tôt ou tard elle doit l'être.

J'espère que vous vous portez toujours bien – peut être avez vous changé votre genre de vie ainsi Mademoiselle je compte sur vous.

Si vous voulez vous pouvez m'ecrire, mais vous devez envoyér [sic] l'argent à la Revnd Mère a S^t Leonards en Angleterre

Croyez moi toujours

Chere demoiselle

Votre affectionnée

L Villiere

S^t Leonards House

West Philadelphia

9 Mars 1874

Copy.

Letter written to M.M.Walburga (Sharon.- by M. Angelica . G.A. dated Feb^y . 16. 1876

My dear Mother Mary Walburga –

You will have received Rev^d Mother's Telegram telling you that it was not she who sent the Rule to D^r Wood. We presume it was D^r Danell. He has more than once told us that he intended sending a Copy to each Bishop in whose diocese we are. It seems strange that D^r Danell has not written to D^r Wood on the subject. When D^r D. sends the Rule to Rome, he told us he would give due notice both to the Bishops & to us, that we might at the same time present our objections & difficulties. We know well that until Rome has spoken D^r Danell cannot impose anything out of his own diocese. As to the point of the B^p Sup G^l we have been told that Rome will not sanction that point. D^r O'Reilly & D^r Wood both object to it & certainly it is an essential change in the old Rule. You know however how utterly impossible it was for us at the Chapter to urge further objections on this point. It is a matter that Rome only can treat for us. The Rule has not yet been sent to Rome, but the Bishop seems anxious to do so . Alas! many minor points inserted in the Rule were made to meet the complaints made by the SS in Preston who appealed to Rome.

Rev^d Mother has had copied out for you a letter containing “ Comments “ made on the Rule presented in Rome in 1854. She says it was the Rule approved by Card. Wiseman with certain additions & changes made by herself, Miss Bowles, Miss Woolley & M. Alphonsa. You will see that there they suggest that the Rule should be extended – on certain points. Rev^d Mother in doubt as to whether it is better to urge on the sending of the present Rule to Rome, at the same time sending our

objections, or whether it would not be better to keep it back for another Chapter when everyone would be forearmed & unanimous on certain points, & get some minor points altered, leaving the one great question of the Bp. Sup^r. G^l .for Rome to treat.

We are at a loss to know who has been F^r Carter's informant about the state of our internal affairs. We certainly have had no communication with him. The Bishops would like to split us up into so many diocesan orders with the Bishop of each Diocese as Sup^r in his own Diocese. On this point of a General Government we certainly all agree, so we must stick to that.

We are told that Rome will not allow a Mother General for Life, nor yet a Bp Superior Gl. The election of the Mother General & her Assistants once confirmed by proper authority, it seems to me all subordinate Superiors should be placed in office and confirmed therein by the General Government. I think the term of three years is mentioned in the Constitutions of S. Ignatius for Local Superiors – but to argue that during this term they cannot be put aside except for crime ! seems quite out of the way. Surely the good of the Order should take precedence of the feelings of a private individual. I do not myself object to the voting for I think it brings questions to a point, & I certainly do not think that the little book of Rules which we have used for the last twenty years is explicit and clear as it ought to be on many points, whereas the present Rule enters too much into details.

What do you think is the best way of proceeding ? – To urge the Rules going to Rome now , & present our objections – or to wait until after the next Chapter ?

The circumstances are very difficult & trying and it is hard to know what to do for the best. D^r O'Reilly at first objected to the Rule, but now he allows it to be practised

partially, & undoubtedly since the Chapter things & people are no longer in the same confusion & disorder that they were then. Everything is going on satisfactorily in Preston & the Sisters all at peace again. Dear me as I read my letter again I wonder what it will convey to you? In many cases letters only seem to make misunderstandings. I will put down all the points shortly –

- 1 We did not send the Rule to D^r Wood – we presume it was D^r Danell.
- 2 When the Rule goes to Rome D^r Danell wishes Bishops & Sisters to send in their objections, that Rome may decide the disputed points.
- 3 We are told Rome will not allow a Bishop Superior GI – We must have the protection of Rome to get this point changed.
- 4 Many things in the Rule were put in to meet the complaints of some of our own Sisters
- 5 Rome said the Rule which was presented in 1854 required extension on many points.
- 6 Is it better to send the Rule to Rome now or wait till after the next Chapter?
- 7 Many of the Bishops want now Diocesan Orders instead of a “ Generalat “. We are all agreed upon this point.
- 8 We are told Rome will not allow any more General Superiors (women) for life. The Society is not one on this point.
- 9 Once the Mother General & her Assistants have been duly confirmed by proper authority they ought to have the power to govern the body. Therefore Local Superiors not to be confirmed by the President of the Chapter but by the governing body.

We hope that you will be able to manage D^f Wood, and with all respect let him know that you don't intend to become Diocesan & go on with the Rule you began with 13 years ago until the whole affair has been decided by Rome.

We are making a Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows for help

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In our difficulties.

With love to you & the Sisters

Believe me Yours affec^{ly} in J.C.

M. Angelica [Croft]

. Feb^y 15th 1876

S^t Leonards- on- Sea

P.S. There is another point in your letter - viz that the M. General's power according to D^f Wood does not extend beyond the diocese of Southwark, as her election was confirmed by D^f Danell. Perhaps this is correct according to Canon Law; but surely to the Sisters Rev^d Mother is as much Mother General now as she was before the Election & more so if anything.

If you stick to the Old Rule Rev^d Mother has every power to say that M.M.Xavier is to come to England. If her coming is deemed unadvisable under present circumstances that is another question. The Bishop may object to the move just now, & it may be wiser to waive the point, but by either Rule the Mother General can give an order to a subject to go from one place to another.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES.

[Copied from Photostat]

[Copy letter enclosed with one from S. Alphonsa (Kay) to “ Dear Monsignor “
(Capel ?) addressed St. Ignatius Convent Preston. Dec. 17. '71.]

My dear Sister in Christ [Mother Lucy Woolley]

Under present circumstances our Mother could not accept the lace &c sent by
the Postulant therefore I return the parcel per luggage train this morning directed to
you at S^t Wilfrid's Convent

Yours faithfully in JC

Sister Theresa [Hansom ?]

Saturday morning

Dec 16. 1871

My dear Mother Lucy [Woolley]

I send you the details of our conversation with D^rO'Reilly of w^h I spoke in my letter to you last week & w^h have been submitted to His Lordship.

I am, dear Mother Lucy

Y^{rs} affec^{ately} in JC

S^{tr} Angelica [Croft]

Dec^{ber} 26th 1874.

The Convent St Leonards on Sea

I thought it might be as well to add that the Bishop was so strong in speaking of the amalgamation of the houses in Preston that he said much as he appreciated the zeal & past labours of the Sisters, he would rather see them leave the diocese altogether than that the amalgamation should not take place.

Christmas Examination. 1862 –
S^t Leonards. R.C. Training College

19 Nov. 1862

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, I beg to inform you that the number of Candidates expected at the Training College is from 10 to 20.

List B.b.

I am Sir

Yrs very faithfully in J. Xt

Annie Laprimaudaye

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - MAYFIELD [Copied from Training School Journal –M9]

6 I Annie Laprimaudaye Principal of the S^t Leonards on Sea R.C.Training School, hereby certify that the above named Maria E Buckle, Elizabeth Atkinson, have been employed as teachers in the S^t Leonards on Sea R.C. Training School, throughout the usual periods of study between 1st of January & 31st December 1862 - & that I have been satisfied with their moral character & attention to duty during that time. I therefore recommend them to the Lords of the Education Committee of the Privy Council, for a Grant in Augmentation of Salary, pursuant to articles.

(Signed) Annie Laprimaudaye

Principal.

Copy of form sent Jan 16th 1863-

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - MAYFIELD [Copied from Training School Journal –M9]

I, Annie Laprimaudaye Principal of the S^t Leonards on Sea Roman Catholic Training School, hereby certify that the above named Maria Buckle & Elizabeth Atkinson have been employed as Certificated Teachers in the S^t Leonards on Sea R.C.Training School throughout the usual periods of Study, between 1st of Jan. & 31st of Dec. 1863. and that I have been satisfied with their moral character and attention to duty during that time. I therefore recommend them to the Lords of the Education Committee of the Privy Council, for a Grant in Augmentation of Salary, pursuant to Articles.

(Signed)

Annie Laprimaudaye. Principal

Jan. 19th 1863

[1864]

R.C.Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea

Jan 31st 1863.

To the Secretary

Committee of Council on Education

Sir

I beg to inform you that Mary Page & Mary Ann Flanagan 1st Year Students from L'pool have applied for admission to this Training School, for their Second Year's training. I shall be obliged by your letting me know whether My Lords will allow their names to be placed on the list of Queen's Scholars of the Second Year at this Training School.

I am Sir &c.

Annie Laprimaudaye.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - MAYFIELD [Copied from Training School Journal –M9]

R.C.Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea

Oct 1st 1863

The Secretary

Education Department

Sir

I beg to inform you that the Authorities of this Training School desire to notify to my Lords their intention to withdraw the Training School from Government Aid & Inspection, & that at Xmas they will not admit any new Candidates for Examination for Scholarships

I am &c &c

Annie Laprimaudaye.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - MAYFIELD [Copied from Training School Journal –M9]

R.C.Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea

Oct. 7th 1863.

To The Secretary

Education Department

Sir

I reply to your letter of the 6th inst: I beg leave to inform you that the Students now in residence will be presented for Examination at Xmas as usual, & that a Grant on their account will be claimed pursuant to the paragraph to which you refer.

I am &c &c

Annie Laprimaudaye.

R.C.Training School.

S^t Leonards on Sea.

Oct 19th 1863.

To the Secretary

Department of Science & Art

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst I beg to inform you that we shall not present any Students for Examination in Drawing this year.

I am Sir &c

Annie Laprimaudaye.

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The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Dec 16th

[in another hand : 1872 ?]

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JMJ

My dear S^r in JC

I am to tell you from Our Mother that she wishes S^r S^t Gabriel to return to S^t Leonards to remain & that she is to bring all her wardrobe next Thursday or Friday 20th (if possible.)

Our Mother also wishes you to send S^r M. Josephine Gilston and S^r Stanislaus Cooper for the Xmas holidays. If they can come on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th without any very great inconvenience to others, they can take an early train & come through the same day. All trains have 3rd class.

It is presumed that the Schools close on the 20th ready for Xmas week, and therefore their absence would not be a very great inconvenience.

I am, my d^r S^r in X^t

Yours in JC

S^r Mary Ignatia

Sec^y

S H C J

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J.M.J.

My dear Sister in JC

Our Mother desires me to tell you to send immediately a P.O. for the amount of the four Sisters return journey to Preston.

Our Mother also wishes to know whether you are aware that S^r S^t Gabriel was sent back in a ragged cloak, and that her own good one has been retained in its place ? -

I am,

Yours in JC

S^r Mary Ignatia [Bridges] S.H.C.J.

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Jan 3rd 1873

[The above copy letter – not in Mother Mary Ignatius's hand – was sent to Bishop Danell from one of the nuns at Preston.]

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[7th Jan 1873]

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J.M.J.

Dear Sister in Xt

Of course you know that I meant " Sr. St. Gabriel's own " (Thornton) for use and certainly not for profession. Our Mother sends S^r de Borgia (Boulger) in S^r St.Gabriel's place, (Thornton) and S^r Lorenza (McCourt) in S^r M Josephines (Gilston) as she is not in a fit state of health for the Preston Schools.

Sr. Lorenza (McCourt) will be able to write for the next Christmas Examination & Our Mother wishes her to keep her notes & writings for the Papers in any spare ½ hour of the day – And also to send one paper a fortnight, or one a month, to St Leonards.

I am d^r S^r in Xt

Yours faithfully in JC

S^r Mary Ignatia Secty.

S.H.C.J.

The Convent H.C.J.

S^t Leonards on - Sea

Jan 7th 1873.

MAYFIELD ARCHIVES.

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Monsieur le Curé

Notre vénérée Mère Générale me charge de vous écrire de sa part, et c'est avec le plus grand plaisir que j'accomplie cette douce commission. Nous nous souvenons M. le Curé avec la plus grande reconnaissance de toute la bonté que vous nous avez témoignée pendant notre séjour à Hyères. Nous n'oublierons jamais le bon Pasteur qui veille avec tant de zèle et de dévouement le troupeau que lui est confié! Nous prions toujours, que le bon Dieu vous donne beaucoup de consolations dans l'accomplissement des devoirs de votre saint ministère

Nous avons eu l'honneur de vous envoyer par grande vitesse l'étoffe verte pour la nappe d'autel.

Agréez Monsieur le Curé nos remerciements, et l'hommage de nos sentiments religieux et distingués, et nous recommandant à vos prières surtout quand vous offrez le saint sacrifice,

Je suis avec le plus profond respect Monsieur le Curé

Votre très humble servante en JC

VM [?]

Ce 15 mai. 1870

A Monsieur le Curé doyen

Hyères Var France

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Convent of the Holy Child Jesus

S^t Leonards on Sea

26 Aout 1870

AMDJ. [sic]

Monsieur le Curé

La Mère M.I. me charge de vous annoncer notre heureuse arrivée à SL. – De Paris nous n'avons eu aucune difficulté à nous rendre en Angleterre. Là on était bien inquiet sur notre sort, et notre Mere Générale ainsi que toutes nos Soeurs ont été bien heureuses de nos revoir.

Nous resterons sans doute ici Monsieur le Curé jusqu'à ce que la guerre soit finie, après cela nous reverrons Toul.

Nous n'avons pas encore eu de nouvelles certaines de cette pauvre ville pour laquelle nous prions sans discontinuer. Nous espérons que Dieu la conservera, et que nous retrouverons comme nous l'avons laissée; nous espérons bien aussi retrouver notre maison puisque nous l'avons mise sous la protection de la Seante- te [sic] Vierge. Mademoiselle Blanche y retournera aussitôt que ce sera possible, et nous la suivrons [sic] sans doute de près. Ce sera un heureux jour, Monsieur le Curé, que celui où nous nous retrouverons à Toul, redevenu calme, et que cette triste guerre sera achevée. Il est à désirer que ce sera bientôt – Pauvre France ! elle a déjà bien souffert, et il faut espérer que bientôt ses souffrances seront finies et qu'elle triomphera.

Je termine, Monsieur le Curé, en esperant que votre santé est bonne car nous ne cessons de prier pour vous

J'ai l'honneur de vous offrir l'expression de mes plus respectueux sentiments.

Votre servante en JC.

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Convent of the Holy Child Jesus

S^t Leonards on Sea

Sussex,

28. Septembre 1870

A.M.D.G.

Monsieur le Curé

Je crains bien que les lettres que nous vous avons adressées ne vous soient point parvenues. Aujourd'hui, notre Mère Générale me charge d'essayer encore, et c'est en son nom que je vous écris ces quelques lignes, que nous vous envoyons au hasard, ne sachant, mais esperant qu'elles vous arriveront.

Nous pensons bien souvent à vous, Monsieur le Curé, et nous serions bien heureuses d'avoir de vos nouvelles. Nous prions beaucoup pour vous car nous savons que vous avez dû bien souffrir, nous adressons de ferventes prieres pour la Ville de Toul. Nous avons appris par les journaux avec quell courage les habitants se sont defendus; Toul aura certainement dans l'histoire un nom qui nes'effacera jamais Nous savons aussi, qu'apres un long bombardement la Ville a été prise,mais nous ignorons ce qui a résulté de cette prise; nous avons peur que la ville n'ait été livrée aux flammes par l'ennemi qui devait être excité par la résistance des Toulois. Si vous pouvez nous écrire, Monsieur le Curé,dites nous ce qui est arrivé à Toul Nous nous interessons bien vivement a son sort, vous le savez j'en suis sûre. Dites nous si votre belle Cathédrale a resisté aux bombes que les Prussiens lui envoyaient si impitoyablement; dites nous aussi s'il vous plait si notre maison est encore debout. Je le crois car nous l'avions mise en la quittant sous la protection de la Sainte Vierge, mais cependant nous aimerions à savoir exacte-

ment si elle existe encore. Nous avons fait tant de projets pour cette maison pendant les vacances nous y surions fait tant de changements, mais l'homme propose et Dieu dispose; enfin il faut espérer que ce n'est qu'une chose ajournée. Le Seigneur qui nous a amenées à Toul saura nous y faire retourner afin d'y travailler pour l'honneur de son saint nom.

Je termine, Monsieur le Cure avec l'espérance que nous aurons bientôt de vos nouvelles; daignez agréer l'expression de mon plus profond et religieux respect

S^r. Mary Aloysia

SHCJesus.

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Mon Reverend Pere

~~Je me presse de vous remerce~~

~~Receves s'il vous plait, mes tr. humbles remerciements de la lettre que vous me fites
l'honneur de m'ecrire hier [sic]~~

MAYFIELD ARCHIVES.

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The Convent S^tL. on Sea

From Memory.

April 7th 1876

Monsieur

C'est avec une extreme reconnaissance que j'ai recu votre bonne lettre et je m'empresse de vous en remercier

En ce moment il m'est presque impossible de vous rendre une reponse au sujet de la fondation dont vous m'avez parlé

Notre Maison à Toul sera probablement vendue ce-mois-ci si toutefois une occasion avantageuse se presente. Cependant nous ne pouvons nous embarrasser d'un nouvel etablissement jusqu'a cette [sic] vente soit terminée Je vous remercie très sincèrement de l'intéret que vous daignez nous accorder, et (ï [sic] j'aurai plaiser) je suis heureuse ~~de pouvoir~~ [sic] d'envoyer votre excellente lettre a la Mère Superieure de la Maison à Toul, afin de la mettre au courant de la peine que vous vous êtes donnée pour nous –

Daignez &c &c

C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD [copied from MSS-Copy]

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JMJ

Copy

The Convent S^t Leonards on Sea

August 6th 1877

My Dear Sir

I am desired by our Mother General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter & to tell you with her kind compliments that she is quite unable to answer it at present, not only owing to a great pressure of business but likewise on account of her being ill herself. - She desires me to say that she has vey little doubt but that upon – consulting with M^f Banks your proposition will be accepted so that you need not have any anxiety on that point. –

Our Mother hopes that dear Maggie is well and that she is enjoying her Holidays very much and that she will get quite strong before she returns to us in the Autumn when we shall be delighted to see her.

I am my dear Sir

Yours very Sincerely in J.C.

(Signed) M.Mary S Ignatia

HCJ LS^y.

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The Convent S^t Leonards on Sea
Sussex, Angleterre

Madame

Notre chère Mère Superieure consent de recevoir votre aimable fille
immédiatement si vous vous decidez de l'envoyer en Angleterre. Je crois que vous
savez déjà que les appointements offerts sont pour la première année 400 frcs et 60
frcs pour les frais du voyage.

Si notre Superieure sera parfaitement satisfaite les appointements de la
seconde année seront augmentés de cents [sic] frcs

Elle s'occupera de six a sept heures chaque jour en enseignant la
Grammaire française &c &c – en donna[n]t les leçons de musique et des ouvrages
à l'aiguille mais de manière qu'elle ne se fatigue pas trop l'esprit.

Il faut Madame que votre chere fille soit soumise en tout aux règlements du
Couvent comme y sont les autres demoiselles du pensionnat Elle ne doit sortir
qu'avec elles ou par une permission particuliere

Ayez la bonté Madame de me faire savoir votre decision le plutôt possible car
il y a d'autres qui attendent une réponse –

Agréez Madame

&c &c-

Ce mai 6. [sic]

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Reponse

Madame

Notre vénérée Mère Générale me charge de répondre à la lettre que vous avez bien voulu lui écrire, et elle me prie de vous dire, que les appointements qu'elle avait offerts à Mademoiselle votre fille étaient même plus élevés que ceux qu'on donne au commencement à des jeunes personnes avant qu'elles aient acquis l'expérience de l'enseignement.

Cependant, notre Mère consent de lui donner 500 francs la première année, et les frais du voyage, de plus si elle en est satisfaite elle lui donnera 600 frcs la seconde année.

Nous espérons Madame que ces conditions vous conviendront et que nous aurons le plaisir de recevoir Mademoiselle votre fille dans notre Couvent la semaine prochaine. Nous ferons tout dans notre pouvoir pour la rendre heureuse, et je ne doute pas qu'elle se trouvera très bien dans le Couvent du S^t Enfant Jesus.

Agréez Madame l'expression de nos sentiments religieux

&c &c –

S^r -----

Le 14 Mai 1870

The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Sussex.

MAYFIELD ARCHIVES.

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Madame

Notre très vénérée Mère Générale me prie de vous écrire de sa part et de vous dire que nous serons heureuses de recevoir Mademoiselle votre fille, quand elle sera libre de son engagement avec la famille allemande. Je vais vous tracer la route qu'elle fera bien de prendre, ne vous inquiétez pas Madame car il n'y aura aucun danger – Votre fille fera bien de partir de Paris pour Dieppe. Elle peut prendre un billet direct de Paris jusqu'à Hastings.

Voice la route Paris Dieppe Newhaven, Hastings. Quand elle est arrivée a Newhaven, il faut qu'elle demande le Wagon pour Hastings, je m'en vais écrire sur un morceau de papier ce qu'il faut qu'elle dise. Quand votre fille sera arrivée a Hastings il faut qu'elle recon[n]aisse son bagage et qu'elle demande une voiture qui la conduise au Couvent à Saint Leonards. Le Couvent n'est qu'un quart d'heure de distance de la Gare. J'écrirai aussi ce qu'elle doit dire a Hastings; si elle montre le papier à un des facteurs on lui fera avoir une voiture sur laquelle il faut qu'elle fasse mettre son bagage.

Ansi Madame si Mademoiselle votre fille peut prendre un billet direct de Paris à Hastings, elle n'aura aucune difficulté quand elle sera a Newhaven Les frais du voyage de Paris a Hastings 1^{ere} Classe son [t] 32^{20c} frcs –

Faites nous savoir le jour que votre fille arrivera au Couvent et nous la recevrons à bras ouverts et je ne doute pas qu'elle sera parfaitement heureuse

Agréez Madame &c

Ce 20 Mai 1870

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Convent of the Holy Child Jesus

6 Mars – 1871

AMDG.

Madame

C'est avec regret que je viens vous dire que la jeune fille que nous vous avions proposee ne peut pas quitter sa place avant le 3 Avrll prochain – on ne veut même par la laisser venire à S^t Leonard's afin qu'elle puisse faire ses arrangements avec vous.

Agréez Madame le regret que nous éprouvons de ce centretemps, et surtout celui de ne pas pouvoir vous recommander quelqu'un d'autre, mais dans ce moment ci malheureusement nous n'avons personne à vous presenter

Recevez Madame l'expression de nos religieux sentiments

S^f Marie Aloysia -

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The Convent

S^t Leonards on Sea

Copie

Madame

Plusieurs religieuses du du [sic] Couvent du S^t Enfant Jésus de S^t Leonard's on Sea doivent passer par Paris Jeudi prochain le 30 du Mois. Elles vous prient d'avoir prêt sept lits ce jour là pour elles et leur élèves. Il n'est pas nécessaire qu'il n'y ait qu'un lit dans chaque chambre à coucher Elles resteront chez-vous une nuit

Je suis Madame dans le Sacré Coeur de Jesus

Votre etc

Soeur Veronica

religieuse

Le 27 Avril 1874

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Convent of the -----

S^t L on Sea –

Madame

Je vous envoie sous pli le compte de la pension de votre nièce Lina, et je crois que vous le trouverez exact.

En espérant, Madame, que votre santé est bonne, et en espérant avoir sous peu une réponse à ce que je vous demandais dans ma dernière lettre je vous prie de vouloir bien agréer l'expression de ma considération la plus distinguée

11 Janvier -

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Couvent du saint Enfant Jesus

Rue de Rigny

Toul.

AMDG,

Chère Demoiselle

Je viens au nom de notre Mère Générale vous annoncer son arrivé à Toul, et vous dire qu'elle sera bien contente de vous voir. Vous sera-t-il possible, chère demoiselle, de venire a Toul avant jeudi prochain Nous l'espérons, car vous nous avez dit, je crois, que vous viendriez aussitôt que notre Mère serait ici

Daignez recevoir toutes nos amitiés, chere demoiselle, ainsi que l'expression de ma consideration la plus distinguée

S^r Marie Aloysia

SHC.Jesus

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Bien chère Demoiselle

Vous ne vous êtes pas trompée; nous sommes encore en Angleterre mais bien près de notre départ; nous n'avons pu encore nous procurer des passé-ports, ni obtenir aucun renseignement sur l'heure des départs des chemins de fer en France; c'est en partie ce que nous retient, mais bientôt cependant nous espérons nous retrouver à Toul.

Notre Mère me prie de vous dire chère demoiselle à propos de cette jeune Institutrice que vous nous recommandez, qu'ill ne vous est possible d'engager quelqu'un dans ce moment – ci, du moins avant que nous soyons à Toul car nous ne savons encore si nous aurons des élèves immédiatement. Les portes que nous avons éprouvées par suite de cette malheureuse guerre qui qui [sic] vient de finir ont été bien grandes, et maintenant nous devons bien examiner avant d'agir ainsi donc chère demoiselle nous ne pourrons engager personne avant de savoir le nom des élèves que nous aurons premièrement.

Je m'empresse de vous envoyer des prospectus puisque vous voulez bien les distribuer pour nous et j'espère qu'ils nous amèneront quelques élèves, j'en suis presque sûre, car nous savons chère demoiselle que vous faites tout votre possible pour nous être utile ce dont nous ne savons trop vous remercier.

Daignez agréer bien chère Mademoiselle les amitiés de Notre M.G. de la Mère M.T. ainsi que celles de nos Soeurs qui vous connaissent et qui ne vous oublient pas, et, en espérant avoir sous peu le plaisir de vous revoir, je suis

Votre toute-devouée en J.C.

Soeur M.A. SHCJ.

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Ma chère enfant

Je desire que vous donnasiez tous les jours au moins une demie heure [sic] à l'étude de la Grammaire Française. Si vous lisiez avec la Gouvernante Francoise seulement pendant une demie heure cela souffirait [sic] pour vous accoutumé [sic] à l'accent et vous pouvez transcrire quelques lettres, par exemple [sic] celles de Madame de Sévigné pour vous assurer du style – Le bon style je veux dire. Mais surtout la meilleur[e] manière pour vous sera d'écrire vos pensées en anglais alors de remettre ces mêmes pensées en François – Vous ferez bien de garder un petit livre de poche dan[s] lequel[le] vous entrerez ces pensees ou ces lettres d'imagination afin de les apprendre par coeur en peu vous vous trouverez votre aise et cette Montagne de difficultés serait aplanié

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