

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

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Mayfield,

April 5th, [1865]

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JMJ

My dear Child,

I come to the conclusion that you have not cut for a word from Tho. a Kempis daily who would very quickly clear away your various thoughts- Cut now into the first book when you have finished reading this, and do the same daily- You will soon find help and comfort. Do not be surprised- The way of God is often quite different to our imagination of it- & we must all have a share of interior trial or suffering or we shld never be able to control our mind, or thoroughly to purify our intention in His Holy Service- Now if we could know that our name is written in the book of life what should we not be ready to do or to suffer ? But we cannot know this, what then must we do ? Labour with fervent devotion as if we knew it, aiming to make the most of every hour & day in thought, word and deed to make sure of our life- Heaven must be won according to God's way upon us in particular & on each one in particular. Now do not lose time in imagination but "work out" your salvation interiorly as well as exteriorly that you may "make your calling sure "- You had better tell Sr M The. about Annie Sterne. I think you need not do more- She quite knows Nelly Hoffman's case from her sister Olga's letters. Pray for both.

Yours affectly. in J C

C.C.

Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME [Copied from the original]

Liverpool- Go to the tender at 2 Sail in Hecla at 4

Saturday 12th [Oct 1867]

My dearest Sisters

Thanks for your dear little notes. I think of you always at every turn. I am not dull, nor dreading the voyage- Remember the Providence of God is the same everywhere, & His Will is sweeter than life or death-

Yr^s lovingly in J.C.,

C.C.

To Sr. Angelica

Sr. Aloysia

Sr. Xavier

Sr. Sr. who wrote

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from original]

[To] Sister Xavier [Atkinson]

The Convent, S.L. on Sea

March 22, /68

Kiss the dear wounds
of Our Lord in spirit for
my intentions sometimes.

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JMJ

My dear Child

Here must come your promised message. The precious carriage swims abt if not as usual still it went yesterday at ¼ 2- " All round abt" and up to the pond. Of course everybody misses you at every turn. And here is a letter from Florence to console you.

Fr Maher came last night- & has heard confessions all the morning- now gone to Ore & tomorrow will go to Mayfield- The Church is not yet finished ! But the windows are going up ! On Thursday we hope to begin our retreat at Mayfield and to return for Palm Sunday. Make the most of your time. I hope you will get the cap done by Easter ! & then work away at the other tatting strips !.-

Try to copy those very pretty paintings in oils- Do not forget to tell Mth. Agnes abt the trade price list from Reeves & to get it – Did you take any with you to work on ? I meant to have given a little poor as we are!-

Yours affecty in J.C.,

C.C.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES – ROME

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Mar.22, 1848]

[April 1868?]

My dear Sister Xavier [Atkinson]

No doubt you are becoming perfectly detached from persons and places by this time & so I must congratulate you on your advancement.

Yes you may sell any of the pictures, that we have copies of, provided you do not let them go at less than 30/ to £3. The little views ought to be abt 30 & St. Walburga £3 to £5- all the rest in proportion- of course they are not of this value to us but we could not have them copied at such a price even as £3 for a St. Walburga!

Try to get through Thorpe & McK's trees by the end of this month with the Sisters.

Yours affc in J.C.

C.C.

Tuesday

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

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Low Sunday

The Convent,

St. L. on Sea

[April 20. 1868]

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JMJ

Mr dr Sister Xavier [Atkinson]

You should always conclude “ the colder in appearance, the warmer in heart”-!!!

The cap is beautiful! Thanks What a comfort to you to think of 50/ towards the Church with so little trouble & time ! This being the case I trust you have begun another in Ovals-

We are sending off a parcel for £5 tomorrow tatting strips. our little socks blue and white, pincushions for toilette tables etc. etc. – If one Hundred (!) sisters brought in each £5 we should soon make up the five hundred pounds wanted to make the remainder due on the Church- Alas each cannot do the same, but I begin to think that we might get 25 sisters to make up £20 each and thus we should be safe- and if not 25 surely we can get twelve and take two years instead of one to make it up!.

I do not return your list of paintings because I think you understand that none of the little Landscapes are to go for less than 30/ each and none of the larger ones for less than £3.

Thanks for dr Lady Strawbenzies hints & advice abt the Turkish baths- I do not think it would be very religious, but if I am not soon better I shall try hot baths at home. I am very thankful to her all the same pray tell her with my love- If the weather is very good towards the end of the month

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I shall probably run up to London & the Culvers- It is a cold rain today but the trees & garden are quite Fairy like and exquisitely beautiful.

You ought to have at least three oils on hand with Mth Agnes and work up for her when she is called off that she may have a nice set for the Culvers- Cannot the children there buy St Walburga at £3? I hope so! indeed & that you may get your purse of £5 to bring down for the Church

Ever yours affec in J.C.

C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

Sunday evening,

April 26th [1868]

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J.M.J.

Dear Sister Xavier- [Atkinson]

You can let the paintings of which we have a copy go to the Artist's Auction and take their chance- St Walburga can be raffled by the children at Harley St. & the Culvers, or, if Mth Agnes does not want it, it could be raffled at Blackpool for the Convent there- I had rather not sell it as the original belongs to the Society, and it had better go to some of our Convents The others of which we have no copy must come back to be copied & then can be sold at Auction here

I prefer your not coming down at night so you can wait till Tuesday morning. Do not forget to write down the little things to be observed by the class you have for Thorpe a & McKewan such as the use of the stocking for the sky- The Brush never to go over the wet drawing till perfectly dry etc etc, broad lights & broad shadows to be remarked- form of lights before shadows, etc etc – Harmonising the last things etc. etc. We have two most exquisite little oils to copy- borrowed, not hired, so you will have to be quick that we may secure them For the last three nights I have been able to rest having used the Neuraline to paint my arm but it is still naughty, and of little use- an end to my tatting ! Your cap is a little beauty- It was sent to Mrs. Ray to sell for 30/

Yours affecy in J.C.

C.C.

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Mayfield.

Sep.19th [1868?]

Sr. Xavier [Atkinson]

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JMJ.

I was very glad to have your letter and feel very confident that all will go well in your office if only you watch over yourself & pray – Let all your actions be offered of God for this end- especially H. Com; and at the same time be as diligent & vigilant as if all depended upon you. I hope you will not reprint your card of hours till after the Sisters return from Hopping as it might make some change I never asked the parents abt the Drawing as it is in our course of education whether it is desired or not. They will soon take to it when they are enlightened- Be full of hope & trust in God.

Ever yours aff in JC

C.C.

I have the Presquish- safe

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

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Sept 28th 1868

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JMJ

My dr Sr Xavier

I hope in your chances of having anything to do with that Sr you did not want to have in the School, that you will try [to] land the great grace of a religious vocation & frequently to produce an occasion to talk on appreciating a religious life, striving to bring forth many of those good things you noted from the retreats given- It is this that is so much needed with certain young professed There is another one you can often help in the same sort of way if only you are humble & do it sweetly & lovingly I mean the one you did not want for the drawing - Now this sort of help is of more value to me than all the personal kindness that cld be lavished- We all have a certain amt to put in the balance of charity & help to our neighbour. Try to do yr best in this regard & God will bless you, and reward you.

Ever yrs lovingly in JC

C.C.

Sr. Xavier [Atkinson]

[1868]

Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

My dr Sr Xavier

Do not mind such trifles – If the N. were rude or noisy your remark was good.

Practice purity of intention & you will turn so to God that the ill will or offence of creatures will only affect you in proportion as God is affected.

Yrs lovingly in JC.

C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

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April 21 /69

To Sr. Xavier [Atkinson]

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J.M.J.

Dear Sr. Xavier

Thanks for your nice letter I will try to see your Mother and make her happy abt you etc. Now I do hope you will see Veness abt the oil paintings that you took to London and try to sell them to pay for the stations ask Mt Theresa (or read [sic] her this letter) & she will let Sr M. Angela go with you. I do not know whether all are framed or not but they ought to be, & I think the Carpenter made the frames or was to make them Tell Sr M Angela that unless we work the lacet point with very light loops like Mme Riegos pattern they will not take. All the rage now is for this sort of point. Sr F Xavier has an order for a parasol cover for wh she is to have £8.8! and Lady E. Howard has ordered a flounce of 5 yds and 14 inches in depth at her own price. There is in Mme Reigo's book wh I left in the Council room the pattern of a neck tie like one Mt Agnes has worked. It is most beautiful, in the quipure (or lacet) point- They sell for a guinea or something like this price in London You could do one at odd times in a fortnight. And they are so very lightly work[ed] that they could be sent in a letter to any of the old children to sell. Tell Sr M. Angela to examine Mn Riego's looping & stitches- All the ladies look at the variety of stitches & talk them over- Sr M Theophila has "King Charles" pattern of old stiff parchment on wh there

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is a great variety- Unless we send out some small pieces such as Caps ties or parasol covers we shall be too late for the rage for it.

I shall bring some more patterns but the price at Mme Riegos is simply enormous- 10/6 8/6 & so on- Her last book costs 10/ - Will you draw on tracing paper for Mt Agnes the parasol in the Queen- It is not nearly so beautiful as the one she is doing but it makes a change and she wants it. ~~Ask her to send you Mm Riego's book with her parasol in it at 10/- [sic] – no send for it if you like as they have so much to do-~~

Ever yrs affc^t in JC

C.C.

Tell Rose & Polly that I am
in intense joy over the conversion
of their dr Father. How glad
Sgt Bellasis will be !

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from original]

April 30 [1869] [1870 ?]

My dear Sister Xavier [Atkinson]

If you can get £2.10 for each the Angel and Our Lady take it, & begin two more ready for America. I must have 2 copies of each as I promised them. £5 for the pair is not too much but the pair should go together.

Yes Cornelia ought to have been called back when Fanny went over or rather before she went. –

Veness & strangers are the people to buy the pictures especially those from old Masters.

Yes, the children here are charming but the sweetness of St. Leonards are first of course !

How very silly of you to want me to come before I have had half a change wh is doing me great good.

Yours affc in J.C.

C.C.

Love to Sr St Michael- I had a talk with dr good Fanny.

SH.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from Original]

Nov 18th [1869]

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My dear Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

Thanks for your nice long letter. Do not begin the Hora D. until we return- but say the Office of our Lady as usual. I think you will do well to see the postulants yourself once a week & Sr M Agnese can give them instruction. Pray give Mth M Theo: the Directory that you copied at Mayfield that she may have her copy. I think you will have to work hard at your French if you have a hope of coming here next year ! and that you will have to pull Sr M Angela up to the Studio and point all that she must study in Elementary Art Harding or she will never get up in a year- There is a positive necessity for Sr M Agnese to be ready for Toul in the Spring and I should like her to take every free moment with M. Herr V. and with Lucy Villiers & the babies so as to speak daily with them. She will be very sorry if she misses a day without two hours at French. She ought to learn a page of dialogues & you also- These with interlinear reading would get you up so as at least to understand & to make your way with the Children- We can do little or nothing with the children here till they are forced into talking- it is french all day with music and sketching.

Pray take your perseverance in French into your requests

[continued below]

at Mass, Com: Adoration & Rosary- ask for help help [sic] A M D G. agree together to help each other in speaking together so that you really get the daily phrases by heart write – your letters have just come & now I must thank you & the scholastics. God bless you all forever.

Yrs lovingly C.C.

Immediate Sr Xavier

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME [Copied from Original]

Villa Semainville

Hyeres Var

Dec 15th [/69]

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JMJ

My dr Sr Xavier

Thanks for your nice long acct of all things – It is delightful to hear of you all and the next thing to making up for absence wh is always a trial for me.

I have not had a moment more than I have given for writing & I should frustrate the good of the change if I did more – It must be less!

The weather is now beautiful & would be exquisite if you cld all enjoy it with me. The great cross is to be without the B.S. & I could not do it a second winter I have no objection to the long Prie Dieu being cut in half. You can tell Mth Teresa – Thanks again for your dear letter –

Ever yrs lovingly C.C.

Love to all & Xtmass blessing

To Sr Xavier [Akinson]

My dear Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

Your note is quite safe I will appropriate the £5 to drives when the weather is at its best – and I am glad to make the promise- a Xtnas kiss

Yrs lovingly in JC

C.C.

Dec 24 – [1869]

Dr Sister X [avier Atkinson]

The half £5 second is quite safe – thanks – Mr Bakers cure by aconite was the external application Neuraline. Pulsatilla every half hour will cure tic if the individual does not take Coffee. This is my message to Sr M Agnese something more than No and a dash –

What are you doing in your centre. Give me a list of what has been done in Methods - in French – Ital Drawing etc – please I wish Sr M Angela could do a copy of Mrs Bellasis's Cathedral at Caen – And I wish too that we could get some nice copies for Toul – Has she done the copies of McK. trees and have all those who are following the course done them ?

Je serai bien contente de recevoir vos lettres en française si vous les feraiz de votre propre composition sans corrections – comprenez vous ? Je me trompe souvent moi-meme et je suis peu accutumée à ecrire en francais ainsi vousne devez pas vous gêner à cause de vos fautes – vous aurez ainsi toujours une petite exercise –

Adieu au revoir –

Je vous embrasse religieusement

C.C.

le 2^e Jan: 1870

Love to all the Scholastics-

Happy Epiphany.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

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[Nov to Apr. 1869-70]

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JMJ

My dear Sr Xavier

I had begun to wonder at your long silence ! I hope Sr Aloysia read my letter in which I said you could arrange with Mth Angelica for Sr Bonaventure to go to Mayfield. The children may very profitably put their time on French letters and French conversation which they much need. If my letter miscarried you had better tell Sr Aloysia at once that Mth Th: and Mth Angelica may settle the matter without delay. She is not fit to teach french not even knowing how to spell common words correctly. We want to be with you all quite as much [as] you can want us, & shall count the weeks towards beginning to pack up. The weather now is delicious. Love to all the dear Scholastics..

Ever yrs lovingly in JC. C.C.

Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

Scholastics Nook

[Nov to Apr 1869-70]

My dear Sr Xavier –

I read your long letter & am glad that you so sensibly look to the intention in your obedience.

1st Keep by all means to the U. & Ch History. It is of much more consequence than drawing.

2. Give up the Italian if it interferes with the french which is the most important decidely. [sic]

3. Tell Dear Sr M Agnese Yes ! I will let her have more soon.

4th You may all feel quite safe, as I do not contemplate any other change or need at present – Indeed I was as sorry as you could be to send dr little Sr Agatha away from the nook but there was an absolute need as Sr Theophila was not able to get through her duties. The reason why I am anxious for your French is first that it is necessary for you to know it in your present Office and 2ndly perhaps, perhaps only I may want to bring you to Hyeres next winter should it be necessary for us to come. But the chances are that you will stay where you are.

5. I think Sr M Angela might find time for the Studio, with you ^{or your suggestions} on french mornings when she has no class and if she

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finds herself at Toul she will be very sorry not to have got up her Studio course as well as her french. Hardings touches she could well get up at Spt Reading time & during recreation when in doors. Do not say anything from me but of yourself suggest this-

Yours affc^{ly} in JC. C.C.

Send me please the second verse of Jesu dulcissime...

Immediate

Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

I am delighted with your french lines. Did you write them without forethought ?

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S.H.C.J.

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ROME

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Mayfield

March 29th /71

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JMJ

My dear Sr Xavier

Yes, do the eggs the same as last year.

I am glad the Fancy drawing is fairly going on.

It is everything both for the children & for the Sisters who teach them.

I hope to return on Friday for a short time & then – we shall see & know Gods Will.

Ever yrs lovingly in JC

C/C.

Immediate

Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

[Feb. 72]

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JMJ

My dear Sr Xavier

It is possible_I may send you a telegram to come up to Preston to be in charge at St Walburga's for a time at least, perhaps for a few months, and I wish you to have Sr Walburga up in directing what should be done in the Studio during your absence. Do not propose Sr M Angela to take it for you but let Sr Walburga begin a Retzsch immediately that you read this and tell her what she must do in the Studio during your absence shd I send ^{for}/ you, and what she is to practice upon every day to prepare herself to teach the children.

Your clothes must be nice & in order ready to pack up at a moments warning. Do not bring your paints or materials – should they be needed I would see to it later. But I think it better not at present.

I am only trying to be ready if it is desirable to have you for a time but you must pray that I may be ready to do as our “ dear Jesus “ may settle best.

Ever my dear Child

Yrs affc^{ly} in JC

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Sunday 4th

The Convent Layton Hill

Blackpool

Sr Xavier Atkinson

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

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Wednesday

[June 17 or 24/74]

Dr Sr Xavier

Pray that I may do God's holy will & decide the right thing –

St Joseph & our Lady help –

Yrs lovingly in JC.

C.C.

Blackpool

Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES – ROME

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Feast of St Aloysius

Bpl 1874

Dear Sr Xavier [Atkinson]

I was just beginning to think you must be growing lukewarm in linguistical efforts when your French letter arrived I am quite pleased & hope you will write the nice little Exercises of the Grammar when you need such amusement.

You must be having an enthusiastic day with all the children and the little Mother reigning supreme ! Tell Sr Xavier that she has not sent me an epistle so I am still in expectation knowing how much she loves & admires all foreign languages in preference to English !

The children here sing endless delicious hymns & with so much piety & spirit that it is quite delightful They have an hour a week for singing & theory class & half an hour daily to sing and practice their hymns. But the drawing is nothing to compare to ours nor maps The work is beautiful

Ever yrs lovingly in JC

C.C.

Sr Xavier [on back of note]

BPL

June 23rd [74]

Dear Mth M. Francis & Sr Xavier

If I can send someone with a telegram this evg it shall be sent – But I write also to say that the rails must be unscrewed carefully & the screws tied to the base of the column to wh it belongs – The men will have to be very careful of the Sanctuary tiles that the Machine for raising the stone work may not break them. Has Boulton come yet for the Angels? Of course he is answerable for the whole work & for the proper support for the weight of the Reredos & it is their responsibility & not ours. I would not advance any more on their work if they do not look to this without delay. It would be a pretty damage if it fell & was broken to pieces crushing the beautiful Pieta!!!

Many thanks for your letters. I am doing very nicely & braced up by the air here. I think the Preston clique will soon break down as the Clergy are now gradually opened to the truth & condemn them & the whole state of things. Mth Alp: is in Scotland since Saturday week living in a secular family alone.

I write a joint letter to you because the matter in question ran into one point- & I know you will not mind –

Ever yrs lovingly in J.C.

C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

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Convent Maudlands

Preston

Nov 13 [74]

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J.M.J.

Dear Sister Xavier

You want a line & it must be to wish you all a very happy Feast of St Stan: I hope M M Ig: is reading for you to make it most happy possible ! [sic] I am very glad it was not put off – to be forgotten in the end.

Ever yrs aff. in JC

C.C.

Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

Thanks my dear one I am much better.

I send your watch to help you in your retreat – you need it more than I & ours is coming.

A happy New Year full of graces & blessings

Dec 31st 1874

[Cornelia Connelly]

Mother Xavier [Atkinson] [written on back of note]

[Apr /75?]

Dear Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

I enclose these letters from the children. I hope you will write to them a glowing acct of Paris. Perhaps letters have been lost but I do not yet know whether the Dobsons & the Tolhursts have returned or not.

Mother Agnes has gone to Hendon to return on Friday. She will have to work up some french before starting ! I suppose God has His own designs very different from our views !!!

I suppose your Spiritual reading is in french & that you are chatting away. Has the Aumônier returned ?

I had to cut out this blot. [small piece cut out of original letter]

Yes – many thanks - I did quite enjoy dear Ady's visit & feel very much more happy abt her being in good faith at heart & really deceived into error.

I hope you will or are enjoying Fr Toner's visit.

Ever yr loving Mother C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

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The Convent Mayfield

Hawkhurst

July 14th [75]

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J.M.J.

My dear Sister,

Thanks for sending me your nice dream – It is a very sweet consolation for visions often come in the form that one can never forget. –

Oh ! you will never feel lonely if you keep your heart in that heavenly procession that is waiting for us – Besides you have more to do than is good for you at present so the feeling lonely is out of the question !

Today I have had our bed for a painting table & quite amused myself in the work of Charity – so that I could bear the penance of the bed with more patience than for the last days. I ought to rejoice in any penance & yet I seek this alleviation! ! Ah ! what are we worth when pain tries us a little.

The Bookbinder will require pushing on with the books or they will not be ready for the Exhibition of Art

Ever your lovingly in Xt

C.C.

Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

[Sept 1875]

My dear Sister Xavier [Atkinson]

Will you order two books of Trees one for Nottingham Place & one for America. I should like also two Elementary Art for the same purpose – The Bill to the Mother General please that there may be no mistake. It is a wonder that the price is not raised as the number is limited. I wish we had more of those very pretty drawings of Vaughans – They are quite in Hardings style, and are treasures for water colour drawings. I am sorry you cannot get the pretty sepias There are plenty of other good shops besides Rowneys – Newmans & Ackermanns is excellent. He had those nice books of Hardings, small & you would get Vaughans there most likely – I would ask him abt new artists designs in Hardings style Not "Childs" they are not clear-

I am sorry you said for sepias Tuesday. Mother Teresa says I had better not come on Monday - & in fact I am really still very unfit to knock about though very anxious to be at N. Place. And to see a beginning, - There is but little hope of getting settled till the bedsteads & bedding come, & the Sisters ready for moving.

Ever yrs affc in J.C.

C.C.

You can get what you think useful of Vaughans or others & if M Angelica does not care for them here I will take them for elsewhere.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

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Dec. 2nd [/75]

13 Nottingham Place

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J.M.J.

My dear Sister,[Xavier Atkinson]

You know, without a line to say so, that I wish you every blessing on your dear Feast & that St. Francis may obtain for you all God's best blessings & graces ! I wish it were God's Will that I might be with you on the occasion but it is not so I must help you to think & feel that I am doing better where I am.

Everything here is getting in nice order & the Sisters will have every encouragement in their labours & prospects.

I have just come from seeing Fr Taylor – All the Priests are the kindest of Fathers, as usual here

Ever yrs affc^y and longing to see you again etc.

etc

C.C.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

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13, Nottingham Place

May 19th [1876]

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J.M.J.

My dear Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

You know I thank you always for your letters – and you will be glad to know that Fr Barry brought the Illumination to have an “E” made into an “I” yesterday wh I have just done so that no one could detect the mistake. You see Our Lord likes me to have a wee finger in the pie ! – Now you see what obedience can do! Nothing you ever did could have given me more satisfaction. It is beautiful and in perfect taste. The faces are delightful- and I gave the most delicate touch possible to each of the Saints, involuntarily, just on the forehead to give sharpness to the Mitre. It is so beautiful that I should like to have it photographed, but for the fear of getting it spoiled.

Ever yrs lovingly in J.C.

C.C.

To Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

Toul

Aug 31st [1876]

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J.M.J.

My dear Child, -

You know how glad I am always to hear from you, but I had already written to Mth Angelica abt the window, and sincerely hope the new large double window may make the two rooms equal in light & convenience. I have very often thought of you & wished you were here for your holidays. If only we were nearer England where the cost would be less it might be beautifully managed. I hope you may make an excellent retreat & come out a New Man ! Will you make notes for me please?

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

Sunday Nov 19th [1876]

51 Rue du Theatre.

Paris.

Dear Mth Xavier [Atkinson]

Delighted to have the news of the photographers – So sorry to hear of poor Mth Eulalia squinting ! This proves the state of the spine! – Give my love.

It is a comfort to know that Mth Josephine recd Our Lord and is looking so bright I want her to write to her sister Mth Baptista and you can address the letter for her.

The house here though better than than [sic] I expected in the Chapel is most miserably situated & cramped even for six children so that I want to send Margaret Burge to some Convent as under Mistress where she would learn to speak & do something She cannot remain here – Will you tell Sister M Christina to give you the address of those nuns at Calvarienberg to send me – I heard they had left their Convent but I do not know the present address The “Caserna” where the orphans slept are not fit for our Sisters or children & we have not sufficient room even for six to be comfortable.

I am very well thank God & the going out to see the hoped for houses does me good – The place is too damp to walk in the garden even for the children.

I do hope you have better accts from Blackpool – Do not expect me to write oftener than once a week.

Yrs lovingly in JC. C.C.

Mother Xavier

C.C. A very happy feast when it comes

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

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The Convent Dec 1 [76]

51, Rue du Theatre

Paris

1st Friday S.H.

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J.M.J.

My dear Mother Xavier

Your letters are always a comfort & most welcome to me – You will know on the 3rd that we shall not forget you and I hope you may have a happy day up in the little nook. How glad I should be to be with you if it were our d^f Lords will, or if possible to have you all here ! We have some better prospects of a good house if only it is not too near les Dames Anglaises. We fear they will not allow us to take it even for three years. It was very comforting even to see the letter from Sr M Frances to know abt the domestic animals! So you will remember than [sic] nothing is without interest to me – I have not seen a B^[?] flat since we have been here – The position is most miserable so that we could not receive anyone even if there were room for a bed. God bless you

Be very joyful on your feast day & ask our dr Saint to give us His own spirit of sacrifice & love.

Ever with love to each & all Yrs affly in JC

C.C.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

51 Rue du Theatre Paris

Dec 14th [1876]

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J.M.J.

Dear Mother Xavier

Your dear letters are so full and welcome that I hardly know how to make you understand the comfort they are to me, and as there was nothing private in them I could read nearly all to Mth Theresa and Mth M Ignatia – They are both at work all the day if not more than the day. Mother M Ignatia is Refectorian Cleans the Comty Room , sweeps the Chapel and does everything needed. When any acts of mortification are in request, taking the worst of everything & doing all that others might shirk – She really edifies me from morning till night – Mother Theresa is always busy helping in the Laundry, hanging out the clothes, helping in the Kitchen working at her Sewing Machine, and as usual always on the watch for my cold feet & that I may never fail in proper nourishment ! Mth M Angela is most devoted to everybody- She is Infirmarian, Clothing Sr – Mistress of Work & Studio class – Always sweet & amiable with everybody and so devoted to all her duties – I have never lived in close contact with her till now, I mean since we went to Toul, and really I cannot praise her too much (not for her knowledge this) Ah ! how sweet is virtue in all its forms, but particularly in the religious life where it is so free from Self love and so exemplary of the Faith Hope and Charity of our life in this earthly pilgrimage –

[continued below]

Now I must tell you of the enjoyment of our delightful readings – We take the French Testament just during Advent instead of the Chapter of the Imitation & then the letters of St Catherine of Sienna wh are ravishing – Then we take an Evening Reading – we have Rohbracher's Histoire de l'Eglise which is a treasure of treasures. Will you copy out, for the dear ones in the little nook, R's resolutions pg 1st in his life Vol. 1st They are a delicious lesson of the mortification of the French Priests - & of the sort of vigilance they really practice in their ordinary life. I should like you to read this Book with Melle Giraldi if you can It is reading almost for ones life & there is no other knowledge one cares for, much, if at all, out of the History of the Church! – If the whole could be condensed to two Vols it would be a treasure for a Class Book for 1st Class – daily Reading I am with you in Spirit in your nook very often & beg of our dear Lord Blessings on each one and on all together – Such nice letters you have written!

Thanks also for the Register I have received the 3rd yesterday –

[To Mth Xavier Atkinson]

Jan 11th [1877]

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J.M.J.

Dear Mother Xavier

I sent you my best thanks for the beautiful Xmas Card & the very sweet and simple lines addressed I thanked you for from my heart

No doubt you did not receive this as the letters seem to be more than half lost – it is not only ours that are lost but the same has happened to the poor children & their parents –

If I could be in two places I should be with you, but I trust as soon as I hear from Mth Angelica to say that we shall return before the end of the month. It would be better to remain here if I could – But the Council ought to be held even if I have to return soon again wh most likely must be the case-

We only need energy & prudence with prayer to be certain of success for the Schools here and for every success – Paris is full of life & energy and the most beautiful place in the world even in winter. I wish you & one or two more were here- If St Leonards makes poor Sr M Monica bilious Private I think she had better come to Paris – Who can you bring on to take her place in the water colours ?

Do you never hear from poor Mary Paley ? I am so sorry for her-

I hope the French postulant will turn out a good voc: & no half & half !

Tomorrow we go to the Chateau bed & baggage – so address the next there-

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

& with much love to each in the little nook

Address – next letter

Au Chateau

3 Boulevard de la Saussaye

Neuilly sur Seine

Paris

Did you receive the Rosary tickets ? Such nice practices-

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

The Convent

3 Boul-de la Saussaye

Neuilly sur-Seine

Paris

Jan 24th [1877]

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J.M.J.

Dear Mth Xavier

Thanks for your letter & the two papers. I wish with all my heart that I could be with you now but it cannot be.- The workman are not yet out of the house – and certain arrangement have yet to be made before I can leave for a short visit. The lessons begin in a small way today with our five children.

Freda is to go to St Leonards on Saturday in the hope of coming over with Mth M Joseph on Monday. Most likely they will have to sleep at the Pavilion Hotel Folkestone, as we did, so as to be ready for the morning boat – The bed at the Hotel is only 5/- each & breakfast 2/- each – or 1/6 so this is better than coming late into Paris and sleeping at Hotel Piel which they will have to do as we cannot open the Convent here after 8 oc. not yet having our Concierge, & the dogs are fierce –

[Signature ^{&c} cut off]

The Rev Mother Xavier Atkinson [addressed on back]

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

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The Convent Jan [sic]

Feb. 1. [1877]

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J.M.J.

Dear Mother Xavier

A nice book for you to take to ^{y [sic]} read with the French Governess will be l'homme Religieux – There are two copies I think at St Leonards – We are taking it for our Sp reading 9 A.M. Thanks for the paper – I hope you will be faithful in keeping up the ½ dozen sentences by heart even tho' your visit may be deferred till Midsummer. It must come then D.V.

Ever yr loving Mother C.C.

Mother Xavier Atkinson

Feb 8th 1877

Dear Mother Xavier - [Atkinson]

Thanks for your acct of poor Sr Stan – I was not surprised at the telegram as I felt she was dying while at Adoration the night before R.I.P. ! Mass was said for her this morning & will be on the succeeding mornings & our Communion & Rosaries and also prayers for the Month. She has suffered with patience & has gone now to her reward, & to be purified for the enjoyment of the Beatific Vision !

Not the least objection for the pattern of the Vest^t - but I would not perpetuate those MR around the centre They are not mine & I do not like them at all !!!

They are even vulgar to my eye ! You can easily change them-

Ever yr loving Mother

C.C.

Mother Xavier Atkinson]

Feb 12th [1877]

Dear Mth Xavier,

Thank you for the nice cards and for the details which I read to the Sisters, & tearing off the leaf at the end which was the only private part I forwarded it to Mth St John, & Mth de Britto when read there. [sic] I wrote to you 1st Friday and told you to send the pattern to Mth Annyunziata but not those ugly Ms that are on each arm from the [sic] They are too ugly to perpetuate – The Ms with the Lilies are pretty and the collar very pretty Let them have these –

We are still having very wet weather, but not cold –

I feel very happy abt Sr Stan – Her long years of being eaten away was a great purgatory and she bore the suffering with great anxiety to be truly patient – Indeed this seemed to be her only anxiety – and she always had a great horror of sin In my prayers for her an inward voice seems always to say she does not need your pray [sic] for she is happy – pray for others – Oh let us get as many indulgences as possible for those who do need & had not so long to prepare. R.I.P.

Yes, write when you think it well, but I do not like to tax any of you when you are all so full of work, and I shall now soon be with you in March, very soon I think, but you shall hear in time.

Yr loving Mother

C.C.

Let me know that you had my letter of last Friday So many lost! It may be counted a charity & a necessity to tell me abt the sick children.

Mother Xavier Atkinson

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

Dear Mother Xavier

I think you have lost at least three of my letters – Most likely in those lost by the post to Mth Aloysia –

Thank you so much for the cards for poor Sr Stan, who I think had her full purgatory here on earth during the year of suffering. I have given them around to the Sisters – She was a true child of God in her “liberte de Coeur” – and in her great horror of sin – Eternal light upon her ! I shall call upon her to help us to adore the bright wounds of Jesus, while we hide ourselves in His bleeding wounds. Oh how full of sorrow is this passing world & yet how full of joy in the depths of sorrow. I hope you pray daily for the sick & dying - & that you will say that lovely prayer of St Gertrude pg 75, and the one for the sick 175 that none of us may have to wait in purgatory, but that we may all mount quickly to the third heaven & be in the enjoyment of the beatific vision.

Now for a bit [sic] earthly purgatory will you please to ask Mth Angelica what I want you to do abt tracing the pattern of the benches of the Chapel – The last new ones – and the packing up of the zinc doors which I want to have mounted here – There were eight pieces of the perforated zinc – The two doors on each side of the old sanctuary will do for me and two more that were on the side – Only two of the eight were ever used for the School Hall – I want them sent by petite vitesse together with the pictures you had packed and put under the Infirmary stairs – Please attend to these

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things at once as we want to [sic] and to get home as soon as possible ! To our dear old home ! ---D.V. I shall soon be there.

I shall expect the Register tomorrow – Poor Sr Bernadine you are all praying for her no doubt –

Ever yr loving Mother

C.C.

Feb 19th Monday [1877]

Paris

Mth Xavier Atkinson

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

March 2nd [1877]

Paris-

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J.M.J.

Dear Mother Xavier

Your nice long letters tell me that you cannot have recd my thanks for the drawing of the Benches – The pictures & zinc doors have arrived in Paris, but not yet recd here, I suppose we shall get them very soon now & I shall tell you if before closing this. The tidal trains also received – so that I hope now to plan our leaving Paris very soon. The weather here is very cold and in a french house with enormous windows it is almost impossible to get warm. – Mth M Joseph says she never suffered so much with the cold in her life ! We cannot make a fire in the Comty room, but it is heated by hot air from the Chaloir fere so that when the wind goes down the hot air supplies us very fairly with a warm current –

I cannot make out why the children are not at Harold House – The man who complained could not have done any harm except in small pox –

I hope you may have a good retreat – we begin ours tonight – You shall hear abt it in the end –

A letter from Mth St John says Sr Theophila is ill with billious fever & Sr Marian, so I hope you will all pray earnestly them [sic] & for my intentions too – We need prayers – I shall have three Masses said immediately for the

dead [Sr. F. Xavier] But I do not believe in the imagination of dear Bona at all I do not remember Lucy Villiers figure at all – But the raffle shall be settled for the [sic] I am thankful that you did not let anyone be frightened by poor Bona –

Thanks, I am quite well, & Mother Therese and Mth M Ig. are always keeping me warm and like two Guardian Angels in every way – I give nice singing lessons to the children & often go to night recreation to sing with them

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

Our retreat is beginning beautifully – As Fr Whity said the retreats are beyond the Rules even, in the way of God.

Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

Children we want in Paris

Minnie Fitzgerald

Alice O Neil

Adela Parker

Mary Joyce

Noemi Joyce

Rita D'Arcy

Aug 25th – [1877]

Dear Mth Xavier,

I think I must be in Paris myself by the 1st of October This will be Monday five weeks hence – or perhaps Monday 24th Sept –

I want you to write to the above giving the most pleasing account possible of the Convent without asking the Children to go Send the Circular not the written prospectus.

I want them to see the picture – If you would write to them in french [sic] it will be well – Write your letter first in English & get Mth Veronica to put it into French for you if you like. We must make a great effort to save the Convent. I hope the Dobsons & Tolhursts are returning.

Ever your loving Mother C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

The Convent Mayfield

Tomorrow St L.

Sep 5 [1877]

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J.M.J.

Dear Mother Xavier

We do not want a governess that is not of the right sort – Melle Joubert is utterly worthless a lump of laziness. Please explain this to Mth Veronica & ask Mth Agnes also to see her & judge whether she is really worth having & that she is capable of teaching Music & playing herself to aid the touch of the children.

You will have to be at St. L. either on Tuesday or Wednesday next – at latest to get things in order even if you come alone. Do encourage Mth Agnes in speaking french- If only she will read aloud twice a day regularly she will speak in a fortnight Do not look on the black side If we had not proved more faith in God we should at this hour not have been beyond St Leonards Pray for the Paris foundation & it will be granted.

Ever your loving M.

C.C.

Mother Xavier [Atkinson]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from original]

[The following is written on the back of a piece of paper addressed by M.M.Xavier Atkinson]

To the Revd Mother General S.H.C.J.

Our Lord regards what you desire sincerely to become rather than what you are - Try to help others to be &c &c &c – and each effort will be blessed on yourself. [in C.C.'s hand]

Part of this paper had been torn away, but these are evidently resolutions submitted to C.C. by M.M.Xavier Atkinson.]

1. To try & seek to do God's will during the day in all my actions saying often "for Thee my Lord "-
2. To rectify my intention when I find it going astray not acting simply to please
3. Not to give full scope either to my natural activity, affections etc etc
4. To bear in mind that if I wish to be happy I must be good – virtuous between God & myself –

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coming year I am always

Yr own child Xavier

S.H.C.J.

[The following is in C.C.'s own writing]

Yes “darling” – Keep them & keep this paper to refer to on the first Friday I will send for you when our Sweet God inspires your need - C.C.

.S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME [Copied from the Original]

Jan 29. 1870.

Hyères

My dear Sr Blandina [Beardsall]

I am very sorry to hear that your back is still painful to you & that you have not quite recovered from your fall. Ah ! how indeed you ought to value your precious retreats. What is it you cannot overcome ? – And what is the great trial ? You leave me in the dark. You have plenty of work wherever you may be, and our life even when the longest is but a little dream. Eternity will soon be decided for us and then – Ah then ! shall we not be glad to have had some little share in the passion of our dear Lord, some portion of the gall offered to him and when shared with Him is it not sweeter than honey? I hope you use the exercises of St Gertrude for your Exposition days. They are so delightfully generous and heart-dilating, if I may use the term, that I want every body to love them as I do myself.

Good bye and God bless you I told Mth Theresa that she was very naughty not to write to you –

Ever yrs lovingly in JC.

C.C.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

The Convent

St Leonards on Sea

Feb 25th 1875.

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JMJ

My dear Mother Blandina [Beardsall]

Now you see I answer your letter by return of post and in Lent too ! – I cannot tell you how welcome it was & you cannot know ! You must not allow yourself to be overburdened with the weight of your responsibilities for you always can get the help you need from Mth M.Xavier, who has had so much experience. And besides this if your example is zealous & all it ought to be there will be but little trouble with those immediately around you. Prayer & labour will keep the evil one away & no doubt you have your full share of these. There is a nice book come out by the Jesuits “The Spiritual Compendium “ one of the series of “St Joseph’s Library” also “ The Perfect Lay Brother “, one of the same series, is an excellent instruction to us all – How good our Lord is to send us such nice books of Sp^l reading which no one had fifty years ago !

I sent your letter to Mth Angelica who is now in Preston for her to give to Mth Alphonsa

Mother Helen is telling Mth M Ignatia what to say to you for her, & I have only to assure you of our prayers & of our

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confidence that our d^r Lord will take care of you. Will you also pray for postulants for us, & as many as our Lord will be pleased to send us?- We need at least twelve good ones to provide the Noviciate & to give us Sisters for our work in Preston. – The old ones are nearly worn out & need rest. Get all the prayers you can for this intention please – May God ever bless you & our Lady watch over you & all the Com^{ty}.

Yrs affectionately in JC.

.C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

April 27. 1877 Convent

St L. on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Sr Blandina - [Beardsall]

We are indeed with you in spirit, in the midst of crosses & troubles without end – Bless the Lord – These are indeed the greatest of blessings Our Ecclesiastical School Examinations ended this morning – I have this instant come from preparing d^r S^r M Frances Kenworthy for Confession – She is too weak to pray for herself, & she is in most sweet dispositions – Giving herself a holocaust to God in her young days, with her youth, beauty & fortune intellect & talents of every sort for usefulness in the Schools & only professed ab^t 18 months. We do not know that she may last even another week – She had Extreme Unction ab^t a fortnight ago & dear Mother Theresa is nursing her. May God's sweet Will be done in all. We never before had such a year –

Ever yr loving Mother

C.C.

Much love from Mother Theresa.

[The folded half sheet is addressed on the outside]

Mother Blandina

[The following letter is to Mother Mary Frances and Mother St Aloysius Bellasis on the death of their father Sergeant Bellasis]

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JMJ

My darlings in Xt

You have been prepared for the worst – and I send you all the telegrams recd - Be consoled with the thought of heaven after the pangs of this life are once over. Our dear one led truly the life of a just man & a perfect Xtian – R.I.P. Oh may eternal light shine upon him now in all its splendour ! and may our Good God console & bless you all.

Ever y^{rs} in the deepest sympathy & love

C.C.

Jan 25. 1873

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

The Convent St Leonards on Sea

Sept. 8th [1874]

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JMJ

My dear Sister St. Aloysius, [Bellasis]

Your dear letter has been upon my mind with very sweet thoughts a^{bt} you & yet I have not had time till now to answer it. Yes, go on renewing your Vows for the five years with great fervour and loving devotion.

I am grieved that you will lose dear Mth Angelica but our Lord will make up the loss in a way that you may not expect – Now is the time of trial & the time to prove to Him that your fidelity will bear the cross in His own way & not of your picking & choosing.

Take the cross He sends as it is & not as you may imagine it ought to be, & He will bless you.

It is a good habit to renew your vows every morning & to ask God's blessing that you may keep them in perfect fidelity

Pray for me my dearest child always & believe

Ever yrs. most lovingly in J.C.

C.C.

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[On outside of folded letter] Sr.St. Aloysius Bellasis.

A copy of a letter.

St. Leonards on Sea

August 29th 1874.

Dear Sister Theresa Xavier,

Will you write as to what passed at Longridge during the retreat as I have heard very sad accounts of two conferences held by the one in authority regarding the act of submission she made in Dr. Fisher's presence, and I was told that she denied having made it ?

Let me know the exact truth without any human respect and you will not have to regret doing so –

Ever yours affectionately in J.C.

C.C.

[This copy letter was sent to Bishop Danell by Sister Theresa Xavier Boulger from St. Wilfrid's, Preston. The original does not appear to be extant.]

Feb. 13th [1856]My d^r Mth Emily [Bowles]

You had better advise Anne Willis to prepare herself for Examination from now till Midsummer & then to come here to prepare during the last six months for the Christmas exams.

I am very sorry that you told Mary Dunn ~~Sx Edwards~~^[sic] to write to Sophie Edwards – I do not allow any correspondence with persons not belonging to the childrens' own family. I enclose you the letter for your own private use, to speak of to no one. Maria has written once to the Roehampton Sisters but I shall not give Sophie['s] letter. When you have read it return it to me. I wish the P.T. could come without delay as the course of Studies has begun –

Yrs faithfully in J.C.

C/C.

Hours of the first School.

6. Rising & prayers

Meditation read by a child of Mary-

7. Holy Mass.

7.40 Extra Study.

8¼ Breakfast

8½ Exercises &c

(Music lessons)

9 General Study

9½ School Class

(see the programme)

- 11 Theme & writing
(see programme)
(5 minutes Exercise Gymnastics)
 - 12 Lecture –
 - 5.1 Ex. Con. Dinner
Recreation
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- 5/2½ Drawing
- 3¼ French)
Italian) in turn, or one only.
German)
- 4½ Study upon the lesson
- 5. Refection) Music
) Masters &c.
- 5½ Needlework
- 7 Lecture. Bible His.
& Catechism in turn -

My dear Mth Emily – [Bowles]

I will write to Ellen – She must not return. There will be no difficulty in her passing an examination at the end of her Noviciate but of course we shall lose the two years pension, which cannot be helped now. Mr Newsham has no right to keep the money nor to return it to Gov. as she has served the year at your cost. He had better take care not to act in too great a hurry in this matter.

You must not try to send S. Edwards here. I will not have her with Maria Dunn.- Remember this is certain, tho' you may not quite understand why.

I have no time for more –

With love & blessings to all

I am ever faithfully

yrs in JC.

C. [Connelly]

Sunday

Feb. 17 [1856]

All Souls

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES, ROME. [Copied from duplicated original]

[1856] [Before June]

My dear Mth Emily

You did not acknowledge the weekly examination papers, nor my last letter which I hope you received -

In reply to your last, 1st you may receive Miss Stonywright if you would like to have her: or if she is willing to come here as a lay Sister you may try her at any work she is most capable of or send her to Preston for Mth Lucy to try her before making the journey here. If you decide upon the latter you must first write to Mth Lucy to know whether she has a bed for her, & occupation for her – She will not understand unless you enclose this letter to explain the proposal.

I received a letter from Lord Charles the day yours came – How restless they are, & wrapped up in Gertrude, who comes to us on Tuesday.

You did quite right in telling me about Miss Bird – but I think I should do very wrong in acting upon a representation which I hope & believe to be false. I do not mean intentionally false – I hope M^r Chapman may not know that I have heard his report - I suppose F^r Jarrett was to direct her as he could be supposed to ^{know} nothing [sic] of Mr. Chap's difficulties. I am much pleased with her – There is ^{in her} an absence [sic] of exaggeration or excitement together with an amount of simplicity which bears the stamp of truth. I think if the whole truth were known that M^r C- would have had a reprimand from the Bishop, even supposing her in fault.

I had several things to say to you but I have been so interrupted that I have quite forgotten them. Do not expect to have your letters answered oftener than once a week, when

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I shall send you the questions regularly.

Where do you propose raising the money for bills of £70- ? I have none to send you – I have written to M^r Towneley about the £100 due – He says it may stand without our worrying. – You wasted £5 in a useless journey here- Our feelings are never to govern us and you asked for leave to come but remember you came before it was possible for me to answer your letter being but two hours after the post which brought it. Now you know it is an ugly thing to go on the railway with any doubts on obedience. I do not mean this to scold you – (tho' all blessings come with humiliations) I think Our Lord Himself did this, in true love, on your return.

Ever yr own

faithfully in JC.

C [ornelia Connelly]

You can write to F^r Blackett and tell him that I expected to see Lord Fielding here & therefore did not write – but I think there is nothing to be done there just yet -

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from Letter Book 1V

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[Letter written by Our Mother to Sr M.J. dated]

The Convent

S^t L--- Decr 19.[1873]

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J.M.J.

My dear S^r Maria Joseph [Buckle]

I am glad you wrote in the best way to console your dear Mother & I trust she may be happy and satisfied & that if she gives you the Manuscripts you may be able to use them for notes &c I think Margaret takes a very sensible view of the matter & she is wise in not wishing to expend the money.

Regarding the Preston Cabal, what you tell me of their writing several letters asking me to explain matters about the Rule, I am forced to tell you that is absolutely false. They never asked any explanation either by letter or by message. The only thing they did ask was how the remarks of the Sisters should each be sent to Propaganda which certainly did not depend upon me to answer. The only complaint that I make is that they had the Rules [read or sent (?)] to them eighteen months before they signed them & never made a single objection to me, but acted secretly against them & disapproved avowedly while they signed them to be sent to Propaganda. It is the duplicity with which the one in authority acted, withholding

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the truth from me. I have never interfered or objected to their action with Propaganda. It is the want of truth that I complain of & the betrayal of all trust in them. Pray to God & His holy Mother for them & for their conversion.

Yours affectly in J.C.

C.C.

J.M.J.

My dear Sr. Agnes

A few lines are I know always welcome so I take this occasion to say I hope you heard the details of dear Sr. Sebastian's happy death and that you pray for her faithfully. Now you are no doubt beginning School duties with zealous fervour and I send you the glove of St. Bernard to fit it on very well and as often as you need it.

I suppose you will not be sorry if I let you come down at Christmas for your holidays and you will say "with great pleasure" – Sr. St. Gabriel will read you the explanation of the [word illegible] of fitting on the glove given by Fr. Lawson. I am very sorry that you have to go to the night school as it is more than I like after the day's work, but you will squeeze down the thumb I am sure

Yrs aff. In J.C.

C.C.

Monday Sept. 11th / 71

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

Jan 21^t -[1879]

The Convent St Leonards on Sea

My dear Child [M. Agnes Carter]

I need not tell you that we have all prayed for you to day, as you know this already, and perhaps several have told you so in advance ! Mine greets you on the same day & I send you a picture that you may look at and aspire one day to be crowned in heaven as the innocent & beautiful Agnes was after her martyrdom. Ah ! I often think of you & wish you were back again at Old St Leonards dearer than all places on earth, but where ever the B. Sacrament is there we have all. I should like to know how you are getting on in your office & what you feel very easy & what ~~you~~ feel difficult ! Thanks for your dear letter on the 21^t of Dec.

Much love Ever yrs in JC

C.C.

S.G.[!]

The Convent Jan 27 – 1877

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Neuilly sur Seine

Paris

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J M J

Dear Mother Ignatius [Chadaway]

I rec^d your dear letter enclosing the sheets of accts The acct you give me of dear F^r Carter's Mass & his tears went straight to my heart – God bless him a thousand times, and give him a rich reward in heaven for all his good works, and the hundredfold in this life for all his goodness to us! Indeed my heart and mind fly over to you, whether my poor body stops on this side of the ocean (or gets under the sod !) it will still be with you. Ah ! may our blessed Lord sanctify you & guide you to the Sanctification of others under your charge - The resolutions of your retreats if carried out will keep you up to the mark, & the beautiful Meditations of Lancicius worked out in the morning & carried out through the day, with all the blessings of the daily Spiritual exercises of reading, Ex. Con:, and adoration will always help you each & all to correspond to all the graces the beloved has in store for you ! – Be faithful to your Guardian Angel – I have made a compact with him to guard you. – So be true to his voice ! How wonderful is the secret action of the Angels in carrying out the designs of God ! - And how often we take the suggestions of our Angel simply as our own thoughts, not reflecting how very little our reason or our will have to do with the suggestions ! and

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these very suggestions often bringing forth results that we have never thought of ! – Our being in Paris at this moment is one of the wonders of God, arranged by the Angels & settled by S^t Joseph Do not think that I have anything to do with it for I really have not as you will learn later - The only thing that I had determined on was not to leave France , though Toul was not worth our work.

May God ever bless you each and all - Pray to the departed Sisters to bring you all blessings you most need –

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

Love to all - & full schools to you !

The Convent Mayfield

Sept 26th 1877. Hawkhurst

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J M J.

My dear Mother Ignatia [Ignatius Chadaway]

It seems as if I never get time enough for letters though I write much longer time in the day than I ought for the ordinary care of health in old age !

I hope you are quite well & that you try to make the Sisters happy & comfortable in their offices & daily duties. There was a Saint who used constantly to pray Oh Lord make my sisters love me in Thee and for Thee that I may do them good – Love for God's sake is always a gain to their own souls and pleasing to Him. As S^t Francis of Sales says, a drop of honey is worth more in gaining souls than a whole barrel of vinegar. I want to hear that the Sisters love you with the Charity of God – Perhaps they really do so, but that I may not have heard of their saying so, or perhaps you may not have prayed yet to obtain this sweet love yourself – “ Love & you will be loved “ is an old saying – but you must not think that I have formed any opinions abt you or the Sisters, for indeed I have not ! The office of Superior is any thing but an enviable one ! The poor Superior has a hard task unless God & her natural character help on in the task – But with God in view always, to Love God above all & our neighbour as ourselves brings us to do as we wish others to do unto us.

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I am enjoying the change to Mayfield – The sweet peace & quiet of the Country & the lovely air & exquisite weather is enough to restore one to youth & health.

I sent the Archbishop all the certificates of the Elections & congratulated His Grace on his safe return & trust my budget reached its destination.

To days post brought me F^r Carter's beautifully taken Photograph - How kind to send it. I hope your school is flourishing How many children have you ? With much love to all

Ever yrs aff. In J C

C.C.

I have written all news to M M Walburga & Mth Antonia and the all is very little We have only 28 little children here for the winter

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES – ROME

[copied from Original]

Convent Jan 3rd 1878

St Leonards on Sea

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JMJ

My dear Mother Ignatia [Ignatius Chadaway]

I hope you are all having a very joyful season, & that the Christmas greetings came in time to wish all the graces & blessings that you each most need and desire. I have not been able to leave our room, but the Community have had their holidays as usual & enjoyed them in the usual way by reading & working, and games in the evening, some up in our room & some in the Comty room - Now they are all in retreat - we have F^r Leslie for ours, I think F^r Johnson at Mayfield - F^r Knight or some one from Farm Street for London so they must all come out saints – indeed we need only the perfection of our Common Rules to make us all saints, and thanks to God these are what by the help of God have produced so many saints that we have only to be faithful to them to secure our sanctification and all that we aim at in the pilgrimage of this valley of tears –

Let us love one another and be glad in the rich graces of this holy season of love. Gloria in excelsis

May He bless you & give you the loving meekness of His own heart and a readiness to sacrifice all your own will & desires for the sake of the perfection & sanctification of others. Fiat.

Ever my dear child

Your own loving mother in JC

C.C.

S.G.

A happy Epiphany to all.

The Convent Dec 12th 1878

St Leonards on Sea

My dear Mother Ignatia [Ignatius Chadaway]

A very happy Xmas to you all, and many of them each more holy than the last. You must know that I think I am oftener with you in Spirit than you can well imagine – You know our window looks to the West and the Sunset takes me directly across the great ocean, when you are no doubt fast asleep & not thinking of us. I trust you are all well and thriving in all respects - I often hope that F^r Carter may secure you the House, rent free, before he goes to heaven, but if your schools are thriving you will never have much difficulty in making your way, & practicing poverty.

I hope the Archbishop keeps well, and that Father Carter has regained his strength more thoroughly than myself tho' thank God I am very much better than I was this time last year – S^r Gertrude sends you her love - We talk sometimes abt your old illness Typhus fever, when brandy & port wine was poured into you all the nights ! Good bye and may God ever bless you all.

Yours affly in JC.

C.C.

You must not expect long letters from me but I always expect to hear from you abt once a month.

The Convent Jan 2. 1879

St Leonards on Sea

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J.M.J.

Dear Mother Ignatia [Ignatius Chadaway]

A few lines only to say how much I was pleased to receive your most welcome letters and to rejoice with you all during this holy Season Thank God we have had but little sickness amongst the children this year, and our schools are pretty full – I wish yours were double the number I am going [to] take again the water of Lourdes, that if God wills me to be of any use I may regain my strength & go to America to see you all, for wh I must get leave being now nearly seventy years of age.-

May our dr Lord bless you all & help you to make a good retreat.

Give the Sisters the enclosed pictures please and supply what is wanting, for me.

Ever yrs lovingly and with much love to each an [d] all in J C

C.C.

The Convent S^t Leonards on Sea

Jan 30th 1871

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JMJ

Dear Mother Angelica [Croft]

In writing out these hours I have constantly in View that our Novices must never forget that the Vineyard of the Holy Child Jesus requires ardent & earnest labourers & not devout Statues ! – and though I have put down the practical subjects to be introduced as frequently as possible into the instructions, it is with no intention to exclude the usual course of Spiritual Instruction on the different religious virtues - Theory requires practical examples to be introduced or it all vanishes into smoke before it ^{can} [sic] sink into the heart It also requires every day events in practice to make it take root. The greatest lecture[r]s in Rome exemplify the Theology they teach by the most simple examples and Our Lord set us the example by His most simple Parables - The Stories from the Fathers of the Desert &c &c of S^t Francis of Assisi &c &c are of more value than twenty long explanations of Faith, Hope Charity Obedience &c &c – for the former strike both mind and heart –

I have looked carefully through Currie – and though there is a good deal for yourself even in the first chapters I recommend you to begin with the Novices at parts of the Xth Chapter pg 140 and then go into Physical Education & School Management very much shortened, and then into Methods much detailed – This is most important that they may be

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ready to go into the Schools when they have made their Vows. But, it is absolutely necessary to keep the 1st year Novices apart from all study save their own Spiritual knowledge & the attaining of some knowledge of themselves.

You will see that I have put the Bible History as an Exercise in Reading - Our Novices generally cannot read fit to be heard and this will accustom them to correction. I would make it simultaneous for one quarter of an hour & then in succession. You will have to take this yourself as your pronunciation is clear & good and it is most important. If they make a difficulty over it I would also take the Xtian Doct. Day to bring it well up. –

I hope you are pretty well. I am still on the Sofa & writing this on my hand. No hope of getting better while the cold lasts. Love to all - & blessings – Poor France ! pray pray - The children can write now to Paris- Post is opened.

Ever yours lovingly in JC.

C.C.

[Written across the margin of second page] – If you are satisfied you may give Janey the Hood on the Purification.-

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME [Copied from the Original]

Novices Hours

- 6½ Prime & Tierce. Med. Holy Mass. Sext [sic] & None BVM.
 Breakfast & Free time
- 9 to 10 Manual labour
- 10 Spt Reading
- 10½ Daily Instruction, embracing all ordinary duties
 (Whatever the subject of Instr. may be) as in the Consider. of the retreats
 – Taking Spt Duties & ordinary duties
 Explanation of the Rules; Offices etc.
 General Conduct – Common things – Practices Virtues – Value of
 attention. Doing all things well 3 Manners of Prayer, Exercises of St
 Ignatius for recollection days every three months – Rules of Temperance
 Rules to be always in accordance with Catholic Faith – Additions for
 guidance. (The little Book of the Exercises is the groundwork of Spt life &
 the bulwark for its preservation. etc etc etc -)
- 11 1st yr Novices Manual labour – etc –
 2 yr. Latin Study. 11½ Latin lesson. Henry's 1st Bk Ahn's 1st Book.
- 12½ Office. B.V.M.
- 1 x. on. L dinner - 1½ Kitchen & Rosary
- 2 Recreation – Laundry Mon & Tuesday)
- 3 Needlework with Reading Saints lives) alternately Com: things

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- 4½ 1st year Novices private Reading, Rodriguez or Medaille
2year, Ratio, Currie, & notes in a room apart.
5. Refection & recreation.
- 5½ Xtian Doct M. ed. Fridays
Reading Exercise on Bible History Pictorial Tues. Th. Sat
- 6 Adoration (guided) - 6½ Office BVM. 7 Free time
- 7½ Supper Recreation – 9 prayers. ed. Xx C.

Repose

[Written across the back page]

Keep this pinned in your Book of Novices please till I go over in the Spring
please God.

Have you made your list for the quarterly examination?

The Convent S^t L on Sea
Feb 7th – 1871

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JMJ

Dear Mother Anglica [Croft]

I send you this letter from S^r Xaveria. You can do as you please ab^t answering it, though I think S^r X. has enough now occupied with her, [sic] and that we shall come to something practical if it is possible. If she cannot act in Faith rather than in her feelings, matters must come to an end before long. I have told her so this morning and at the same time used kindness and unvarnished truth I would not have her at the Villa as an Ex Novice – But still I hope she may prove herself not to be what she now appears, incapable of any will to usefulness – I have forbidden her to say “If I could I would” when she is put to any school work – but to say instead, “I will do my best & trust in God” and make an act of faith in so doing. If any thing can be made of her it must be done – If not she must go home. I shall have patience with her to the last extent – she does not seem to me any more formed than when she was first clothed.

Thanks for your letter rec^d this morning. Do not let the pain come into the heart – The penance of knee pain is all sufficient. The Books go to day's rail to Wadhurst to be forwarded by the Carrier.

The Bible History was not to be had therefore I have

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sent Pütz Modern His & Geography, which is too Protestant to use in our Schools but you can mark off such parts & scratch out as you read, correcting it.

I also send C Humbolts Travels as we can spare them and they will do very well in turn with Pütz as a reading exercise and what the Novices want so much is to be [able] to read audibly in the refectory & with the children without hesitating over foreign names &c &c – They will be helped in this by the Latin pronunciation of each syllable and thus gain some amount of confidence – The course of Latin is not necessary for them – All that is required of the class for Latin (2nd year Novices) is to go regularly through Henry's 1st Book writing each exercise of which there are 78 in the Book. You need not require of them more than three each week, but they must learn the vocabulary to each by heart. Ahn's 1st Book you may make simply a vocal exercise every alternate day. It is most simple and useful – Any one might be self taught from it. When they have finished these two Books they will find themselves at home in the Latin testament & Thom. À Kempis – This will be enough Latin for Novices –

Mother Gertrude has just come down to stop a month with us for a change of air. She looks pretty well but has never got over the death of the little child she nursed.

Love to all.

Yrs lovingly in JC.

C.C.

[Written as postscript across margin of first page -]

I forgot that I had not returned S^r M F, Jane Moffats letter. I hope she has written to her.

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME [copied from Contemporary Copy]

[Copy letter from C.C. to M. Angelica – first part barely decipherable.
M.P. Figures indicate lines]

Convent
S. Leon Sea

1. Dear Mother Angelica
2. We are delighted to hear
3. that you are [getting] on well
4. by the Doctor to be well
5. [enough] to see [me]
6. in about a fortnight
- 7 I was had promised myself
8. a visit to Mark Cross
9. & Mayfield to [see you] but
10. the storm which is now
11. [raging] began last evening
12. and [or had] ,,,,,,be wise [or revive]
13. roused up by to our
14. necessarily all on the
15. roof with possible
16. Mother Theresa
17. into our cell with
18. thinking that
19. Sister St. Raphael says it

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20. is according take
21. that she [or the]
22. also
23. looked at take
24. and poor M
25. & her boys
26. on [or or] then b
27. ?

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Dieppe where they intend stopping for the Summer to be with her Mother – the dear little boys are quite a loss to us & no doubt will be missed by Fady H.

Now if this letter tires you you must try to take an extra sleep & bless the new copying press for I have gone on to a second page that I might give it a fair trial within ourselves. Mother Aloysia ordered the press for me that business letters might be copied expeditiously without loss of time. – This will be the first trial of it – I am amused by your having the marionettes under your eye & half envious of the perfect freedom from thought which you are forced to submit to –

Ever your loving

Mother in J.C.

C.C.

Villa Sémainville
Hyères Var.
Feb 18th [1870]

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JMJ

My dear Mother Christina,

Perhaps you may have been anxious for a reply to your letter but I have been suffering for a week from an influenza, and the neuralgia in my face flew off to my knee and then to the foot so today is the first day I could get out of the blessed bed, which however is much more comfortable than a religious looks for, being on springs with a beautiful wool mattress over it. I should like each convent to have one for any invalid like Sr.M.Xavier. You know the sort I mean on springs like the chair bottoms spiral. You can get inferior mattress for 14/- Each copper spring costs six pence if good but a really good spring bed will not be got for less than 20/- I think she ought to have one in such a state & with such restless nights. Westhead would probably have the sort, and if not the size would soon make it for you. It ought to be abt. 3ft. 2inches wide if you have any bedstead. I am very sorry to have so poor an account of the naughty tumour. It is said that the art of surgery has arrives at taking out an eye and laying it on the cheek & taking out the intestines and laying them in their proper place! – and why not open the side and cut out a tumour instead of working in the dark! I am writing in a wonderful style on a book half lying down so pray excuse this.

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Now for the business part of your letter. I am very glad you have the money, and glad also that you kept out the odd sum for your use. I shall be quite content to be responsible for it on the Blackpool Convent at 5 pr. ct. The Farm cannot be bought – not at present at least for less than £1000 which is £400 more than it ought to be, and Mth. Gertrude would have to borrow a £thousand/elsewhere if we did not invest this there. I should be obliged to be responsible for the sum any way so it comes to the same thing for me and my successors. You can hand over the money in the Bank to Messrs Bank & Dean

9 Lune St. Preston

and get him to give you a receipt for it on acct of the Convent at Layton Hill Blackpool. He is a very good man and a friend of Fr. Garrett in whom I should have every confidence.

I have written to Mth. Gertrude to say that we could put this money on the building at 5 pr: ct: and as soon as you have tran[s]ferred the money to Mr Banks and got his receipt you had better immediately write to Mth. Gertrude to say it is settled. It is very cold just now for you to go over to Bpl. but when the weather is pleasant you can go, or if you like better in the Spring when I hope to go myself. Do as you think best. All send love & sympathy to the poor invalid with mine and love to all the Sisters.

Yrs Affect. Om J.C.

C.C.

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SHCJ ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[Copied from Original]

The Convent
S^t Leonards on Sea
Oct 9th 1872

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JMJ

My dear Sister in JC. [Mother Christina Cusack]

I never heard of S^r F Xavier having made a Will – If she did so it must have been while at S^t Walburga's Convent. I presume she intended her Aunt Lucy's legacy to go to her own family. We did not speak on the subject when I was last in Preston.

2. Regarding the letters of Administration, you are at liberty to use your own judgement in the matter having the advice you need as to the knowledge of what ought to be done.

I hope you are quite well, & remain

Yrs faithfully in JC.

Cornelia Connelly

Sup.

I return M^r Weld's letter.

The Convent
Mayfield Sussex
July 16th 1875

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JMJ

My dear Mother Christina [Cusack]

I think you have not yet been told that we decided immediately in our last Council that you should be at liberty to dispose of the money left by your Aunt Lucy Tarleton, as you wished, in favour of your neices [sic] & that you may make the necessary legal transactions with the Lawyer –

2. We also rec^d the message regarding “Helène Cusack” and as the Sisters seemed very doubtful as to the probability of her success we thought it wiser not to give her the trial. As a point of conscience we feel it better for dear Nellie that she should not be unsettled in her course hereafter by a useless move of this sort – and I think on reflection you will agree with us.

I was much grieved to hear that your general health is so poorly. I hope you find the Blackpool ^{air} suits you better than that of Preston even so and that you will soon be well & strong. All send you kind messages & love &

I am ever yrs affectionately

In JC

M. Cornelia Connelly

Sup. G.

SHCJ ARCHIVES (ROME) [Copied from Letter Book I]
Letter 68, page 68.

Copy of a letter written to Blackpool August 1st 1859.

J.M.J.

My dear Sister [Francis Xavier Cusak]

I have overlooked the draft and marked with lead pencil the proposals we could not agree to. We might promise to have the Buildings inspected twice a year by a builder of our own and to inform Mr. Hornby of any damages that might occur without any fault of our own, taking upon ourselves the ordinary repairs, and the painting in the middle of the term, four years hence. We could not involve ourselves in any other way. If the rent should fail, it will be quite just that Mr. Hornby should take possession.

I should not wish to let the land and out-houses as we shall require a man to attend ~~to attend~~ [sic] to the garden and the cows. Therefore the lease should be without the incumbrance of the tenant which should be explained to Mr. Milne.

Ever yrs affectionately in J.C.

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The Convent

St Leonards-on-Sea

August 1st 1859

SHCJ ARCHIVES (ROME) [Copied from Letter Book I
Letter 69, page 60.]

Supplement to the same.

Aug. 1st 1859.

JMJ

My dr Sister FX. [Francis Xavier Cusack]

Send the inclosed letter to Mr Milne, and return the draft with my pencil marks which you will explain fully what I object to in the draft – and write to him yourself.

1. You will see at once that we should involve ourselves in many difficulties if we were to consent to the house being visited twice a year! perhaps by tipsy men!!
2. We could not undertake any repairs beyond those that are ordinary. If the roof fell in, or a wall cracked, we could not bind ourselves to make them good! – It is an absurd proposal. We must take only the usual terms. I will come myself or send Mother Theresa as soon as I know that the proposals are settled. If we agree to have the Buildings inspected by a proper and competent builder, I do not see why Mr H. should object. If he does, we give it up at once. I wrote about your Retreat, but if we cannot get a Father for you during this month, we shall make it with you in private!

Ever yours in JC.

C.C.

[Written on the back of a lace edged card on which is pasted a picture of the Holy Face.]

Dear Mother Agatha [Deacy]

May our Sweet Lord ever bless you –

“A good peaceable man turns all things to good & he who is in the joy of suffering finds that peace which passeth all understanding.

Ever your loving Mother

Aug 15th / 77

C.C. S.G.

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME [Copied from Letter Book IV, pg 132]

Letter from Our Mother General dated

The Convent
St. Leonards-on-Sea
April 20, 1875

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JMJ

My dear Mother Eulalia [Drury]

I was pleased with your last letter in which you acknowledged you had done wrong, but I have not heard from you since you have been in London. You made a great mistake in supposing I had no right to dispose of you for your greater good, for you were only left at St. Walburga's for the loving compassion I had for your feelings. You knew this at the time as you see it now for yourself; but let bygones be bygones.

If I had explained to you that Mth Angelica was sent to Preston as my Vicaress to act for me you would have understood matters better & I am more willing to think I was in fault in this matter than to suppose you were willingly disobedient. And now I feel sure that you will try to do your best to be in charity & peace with all, casting aside all remembrances that might wound & calling to mind all the sympathy shewn when you were really in trouble. We stood by you bravely when others failed – do not forget the benefits and affection. We are all united in the work of God & toiling for the same end and “the night cometh in which no man can work”. – Let us try to be ready for the words of Christ that they may be to us sweet & full of consolation.

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I was so sorry to hear that your sickness goes on & has been going so long at Preston. The worry no doubt keeps it up. Do put yourself under the mantle of Our Lady joyfully & cast off all sorrow. Pray for me.

Ever yours lovingly in J.c.

C. [ornelia] C. [onnelly]

Sup^r G^l

Sr. Maria's Silver Jubilee is on Thursday next. – 22nd

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[from Duplicated Original]

My dear Child [Sister Aloysia Frankish ?]

You will have to give up any immediate preparation for the Examination but you will find that in following the strict order of study & explanation in the first class in the School that you will improve more rapidly than if you studied only for the preparation – In giving your geography lesson prepare it from Sullivan's G. Generalized – Ask the questions pg 108. Use, in Grammar, Cornwall's young Composer as often in the week as possible – You will find it the greatest help in making the children parse correctly. If the class has read the little English history once you might give them Flanagan – Two children using one volume – In Arithmetic advance the class as rapidly as you well can do – in order to keep them in fractions & decimals & to work out into Algebra in a little while – if you do this and ask the Holy Child to help you, you will be prepared for Examination before you you [sic] come down for midsummer. Ask him not to let you forget any thing you learn & to help you especially in History – Your class ought to learn the School Chronology till they have it in mind like A.B.C. – The same with their tables.

Mth Theresa will tell you that Mth Agnes is to come down immediately to prepare herself here – You will have to make the School Accts etc. etc. – quite straight, so that you may have no trouble ab^t them nor have to worry Mth Theresa with them when S^f Agnes has gone. May God bless you help you in every way.

Ever your own faithfully in J.C.

C. M. Sup.

Feb. 15th [1856]

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

Dear Mother Aloysia [Frankish]

Will you copy this off & send it directly to Mr Cheeseman. His keeping that acct on wh Mr Phillips wrote "paid" shews the man, and if he does not send you the amt. of the rents kept back without delay namely £43.4.7 – Go to Mr Ticehurst and shew him my letter to Cheeseman. If there is any demur whatever abt it we must immediately withdraw our ^{rents &} affairs from his hands.

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

[Written across corner of second page]

To send copy at once to Cheeseman

Mrs Connelly begs to say that Mr Cheeseman must forward the amt of £43 etc – which he has kept back from the rents without her order.

Mrs Connelly is much astonished that Mr Cheeseman should ~~have~~ [sic] not ^{have} returned the paper on which Mr Phillips signed the amount "Paid", in his own writing, besides which she can prove that Mr Phillips received the money out of the £2500 wh. loan he took from the Fire Insurance company.

If this is not immediately attended to ~~Mrs Connelly~~ [sic] & the rents received duly paid Mrs Connelly will at once take the necessary proceedings.

Dec 6th 1876.

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME [Copied from the Original]

[March 1877]

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduiti]

I thought I made you understand in my letter that you were to follow the advice given you by Fr Forbes and also to get Melle Sauniers Now as they both coincide so you see there is no doubt abt the matter – you can make yourself very useful in the parlour now that the visiting season begins. –

As to advertising in all those Gazettes named I am very doubtful – we have already advertised rather largely at a high cost besides having the advertisement in three English papers.

Ask Miss Saunier whether it would not be better to wait for the Autumn arrangements before further movement – Then we might get in the weekly attendance of professor Prat – which she thought might do us good & that possibly we might be able to engage him.

We are not really in want of the Governesses now in England but we shall want them in September when the Schools reopen – Ask Moth M. Theophila what she has decided to do for the present if there are pupils engaged for after Easter This must be the guide as she was not in want for the children now forming the one class – If we get any children through

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the Singing Mistress engaged for after Easter, or through M. Prat if he takes to the idea of a course in the Autumn then another French Maitresse de classe would be necessary.

Do not be impatient abt being employed, a little rest & extra prayer will be very acceptable to you & you must make the most of it –

Sr Mary Angela Healy has gone to Hendon in your place – I shall hope to be in Paris after the Council is finished &c &c.

Yes, I think the English circular would be likely to take & I told Mth M Aloysia to secure the stone for the lithograph of the Château. Mth M Ignatia can put it into English nicely and add the terms simply as in the ones here – It can be easily corrected & done quite as well in Paris as here. The lith^r: of the Château heading the English the same as the French.

Ever your loving

Mother C.C.

The Rev Mother Veronica

Laetare Sunday – March 11 1877
Paris

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

I have just written to Mother Agnes to say you are to come here on Wednesday via Dover & Calais remember – The Folkstone line had a land slip & it is not yet in order – You will have to sleep in London and have the Cab at 6:30 so as to be in time for the train which leaves at 7:40 and arrives in Paris at 6:5 – If you cord your box strongly & say you have nothing to declare they will They will [sic] not trouble you by the unpacking only be ready with your key so as to prove your willingness to let them see what you have you will be able to take your Cab immediately & come on to Neuilly s. Seine which is abt ¼ h or ten minutes beyond the Arc de triomphe – Bring your class books with you and any clothes at the wash I will bring to you on my next visit here after Easter D.V. I wish you to be here Wednesday Evening to be sure of seeing you before I leave –

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

Immediate

Mother Veronica

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

The Convent
St Leonards on Sea
March 26 [77]

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

Thanks for your long letter You had better follow Fr Forbes advice, if it is considered lowering to visit for the purpose of being known! The Notre Dame people do so much of this in England that I am rather astonished that He should object to a certain amount of effort! Have you been to see Miss Saunier? She is quite up in all worldly notions, & will give you every possible information She can do more for us in Paris than any one we know.

Please tell Mth M Angela that I send the pattern book of the paper wh must be ordered from the Man himself – The Econome ^{here} particularly objects to mixing her accounts here with other Houses – I think she is right and that the order should be ^{from} the Paris Ecconome [sic] or the Superior there.

I am going to write to Fr Forbes abt Miss Hunt I wish you could hear of a place for her with some old lady like Mrs Blunt – She is a treasure in herself.

Ever yrs affcy in JC.

C.C.

[Written in the margin]

I am astonished that Mrs Machey has not been to see you with her two little girls. I am anxious to get good Miss Hunt a place as companion so do not forget her She is a treasure

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SHCJ

ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

Easter Sunday [April 1st] 1877

All paschal joy to you each & all, Alleluia.

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduiti]

This will be my third letter in which I tell you to follow Fr Forbes advice. In a letter recd from Fr Forbes yesterday he says

“I have charity for Governesses as for all - - - but I am sorry to say I am too busy with preaching to do anything for them” – “If they heard I did something for one, I would have no leisure – All this must be managed by the Nuns, by your daughters in J.C. I shall send ladies to them & they must centralise all reference etc.....

“I only hope you will soon come into Paris - & not remain at Neuilly.

“If your protégée knows French perfectly she may obtain a situation here, not without french – let me know what she knows - +++++

I have copied the substance of Fr Forbes letter to me in answer to mine recommending Miss Hunt as a Companion or Nursery Governess She does not even speak French to make her way much less to have any grammatical knowledge of the language! She would in her quiet good sense style be a very valuable companion to any old Lady – Her great wish is to be

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a religious but she cannot at her age run the risk of losing the small sum due to her at her Step Mothers death – She will lose all even by living in a Convent.

Paris versus Neuilly

Now I must return to the “Chaillot affaire” – Certainly there must be something in secret since the Notaire the good Cure recommended to us has done nothing – If the Curé de Chaillot wishes to have us there we can very readily underlet the Château & get what we have expended on the repairs before the time of the coming exhibition – We could have done so before entering the Château - & ^{we} had the offer. – If we do not get French children the English parents will send us none – Already the reply is Oh they would not get the habit of speaking unless surrounded by those who do not speak English. It would even be better for us to be in a small house in Chaillot & build an Externat than to die a natural death at Neuilly with a handful of English children! In fact even these will fail if we have but few french children. What so much surprises me is the lawyer doing nothing when recommended by the Curé de Chaillot! There will be an immense demand for houses in the Autumn so that our taking the Chateau need not hinder our movements for the Externat – which wld be sure to succeed if we take the right & prudent means –

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Secondly – Fr Forbes & the Governesses

I think you had better go to him & see what could be done for their support, and in what practical way he means that we should “centralise all reference &c” - I should only be too glad to do our part of the work provided the means can be found – Of course we must take lady boarders – There are numbers of Americans who wld be only too glad not to go to Hotels & to seek a temporary home in the Convent, but they will want to be in Paris.

If only we could find a house in Chaillot we should easily underlet the Château! – And have retreats. I hardly think I can be with you before May, but still it is possible – You can gain all information quite as well without me! You must use your own judgement & talk over the matters with Mth M Angela who really knows a good deal abt Paris, and she is most quiet & sensible in her judgements.

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

April 4th 1877
All Easter joy to you.

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

Will you see immediately abt the french girl for the children at Mayfield. Mth M Rita wants one for the clothing room, childrens work & washing & dressing them - &c – a nice Maid in fact that will do for the little children – She would have 300 fra a year if she is satisfactory. Could Mons l'Aumonier get one from Brittany where your little girl comes from? If so please let us have her at once & she can come over with Mth M Ignatia –

Ever your loving
Mother C.C.

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[from Original]

The Convent Monday 16th [April] 1877
St Leonards on Sea

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JMJ

My dear Mother Veronica [Fronduiti]

I was very glad to hear that you had recovered from your illness but not pleased to know that you could satisfy yourself by remaining in silence when you must have [known] that I had cause to be displeased by your letter. You know but very little of me if you suppose that want of submission or threats wld have any weight with me. Moreover if there is such a spirit I never care to combat it by letters, but rather by prayers for light & mercy where most needed. I am sure you are now trying to do your best because you say you are sorry and because you beg pardon. Oh if our poor hearts are so easily touched by those who are contrite what must it be with the heart of that loving God who died for us! With what horror He resists the proud & how joyfully He receives the contrite –

I too have been very ill much more ill that I thought when I exerted myself yesterday morning to get to Mass. The gout flies through me – The foot and ancle [sic] would be but nothing if it would stop there but when your heart is either palpitating or stopping (!) you do not know where you may be the next half hour! –

I am writing to you from my bed & have three hot water bottles around me to burn out the enemy. I am so sorry to hear that M. de Villequier is ill. The Pope also is very ill!

Ever yr loving Mother in Xt

C[ornelia] C[onnelly]

Please write at once to Alice Bravo – Stamps

The Rev Mother Veronica

C.C. [Addressed on the outside of the folded sheet]

April 22nd 1877
The Convent St L. on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

I have just written to the Superior of the Passionists Av: de la Reine Hortense & sent them the advertisements from Galignani – I wish you wld go to see him & see whether he has settled his plan for Governesses & whether we could do any thing to forward the work by uniting with them to use our 3rd Etage for the purpose. It would be the best thing possible until we get well known in Paris – The Kensington Nuns are only just giving up their Boarders in London after a struggle of 14 or 15 years to get up their school! And we might do a great deal of good working under the Passionists in this very work! In my letter I said you would call on the Superior to know his view and wishes regarding their begin[n]g at the Chateau Neuilly if not settled elsewhere. If we could enter into their views it would bring the work at once into notice & also the Convent – I would joyfully give the Comty Room up for their use & take our Room for the Comty. Talk this over with M M Joseph & then go together to Mth M Theophila & discuss the matter before going to the Sup of the Passionists. We shall die a natural death if we go on doing nothing.

Ever yr loving Mother C.C.

[Addressed on the outside]

Mother Veronica

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

The Convent St L. on Sea.
May 15th 1877.

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduiti]

You will be glad to know that in the midst of sorrow dr Mrs Bravo keeps up – she has just had news of the death of her brother in Jamaica – They had not heard of his illness when the telegram brought news of his death. His only daughter is here with Mrs Bravo – Alice comes to the Convent for drawing lessons – She is very nice and more happy with the Sisters & free I think But I have not seen her myself – My old enemy bronchitis is making a feeble attack & I am a prisoner at present.

Ever with much love to dr Mth M Joseph, Mth Aloysia & Sr M Agnes and the children & Mrs Cresse!

Ever yr loving Mother

C.C.

Mth Teresa & Mth Ignatia sent [sic] the same.

[Addressed on the back]

The Rev Mother Veronica

The Convent, St Leonards on Sea
May 17th 1877.

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

There has been no want of decision whatever – I told Mth M Theophila a month ago that it was decided not to buy until after the next meeting of the Council. – After the declaration of War everything will of course change & I do not imagine that we shall come to any other conclusion even then. Besides this we shall have a fair chance to know by Midsummer the probabilities of success with the French children and we have the Château ^{lease} of three years, either to sell our lease & right of purchase or to give it the three years trial, which ever may seem most prudent. –

I wrote to Mth M Theo: yesterday and sent her a loan of £20 If Mr Dobson had been asked to settle his bill when he passed through he would no doubt have drawn a check & have spared Mth M Theophila her present anxiety. He has always done this here when asked.

Mth M Theophila said in her letter that I need not return Miss Sauniers letter for the Countesse of Paris as she had kept the copy of it – No, I had no intention of writing myself. You must do all those local matters from the Convent- I have been ill for nearly a fortnight myself with a bronchital cold & great prostration. You ^{see} I am not quite

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made of iron, and though I force myself to do the utmost possible in the way of writing still the pen will not go quite like the needle of the sewing machine!

Mother Angelica is thank God improving but Mth Catherine & Mth Gonzaga both very poorly I will write to Mth M Rita this evening abt the girl & tell her to let you know at once.

I am very sorry to hear that the other hand is beginning to trouble you. When the weather changes & Juin sets in then we shall begin to hope for a return of health. This has been the worst year within my remembrance of illness & sudden deaths.

I was very sorry to know from the English papers of the Anti Catholic Movement in Paris.

Very glad to hear the Ursula is with you & hope poor Mrs Creese may get into a good position. We must not lose sight of her little girl – Would she like her to come to England if we could take her?

Ever your loving Mother –

C.C.

[Written in Margin]

Remember me to Mon. l'Aumonier -

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME [Copied from the Original]

The Convent Whitsunday [May 20 1877]
St L. on Sea –
All the seven gifts to you

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

I shall have to renounce the lace – We cannot afford to get it. I am utterly astounded by the bills Mth M Theophila says are to come in!

I did write to Mth M Rita to tell her abt the Bonne you were writing for – No doubt she will take her – Melle Joubert will do better at the Orphanage for the pupil teachers & for the 40 boarders they have – In all 82 children but Mth M Rita will write to herself. [sic] Do not be so much surprised at the delay of letters – I sent cheque for £20 by the Midday post Wednesday 16th and only had acknowledgement on of [sic] Sunday 20th The fifth day

Ever your loving Mother,
C.C.

[Addressed on the back]
The Rev Mother Veronica

The Convent June 26 [1877]
St Leonard on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica, [Fronduti]

I am really grieved to have so poor account of your health and spirits. – When the warm weather of July has passed I hope you will be better and have much more to encourage you in every way. – Still we accept the cross as our Lord's best blessing. – Only look at poor dear Mrs Bravo in her great sorrow & bodily suffering and yet so resigned in the midst of all – The only son murdered one daughter deaf & dumb and the other not in her right mind. Again look at those in the world! What endless complaints anxieties & sorrows!! I hope you have good news of your sister Annunciata and that she is happy & well.

The Sisters from Sharon sail in the Algeria tomorrow the 27th Mth M Walburga & Mth M. Agnèse – The rest send their votes written & sealed.

Ever yrs affect C.C.

I shall be very glad if Mm La Montague send her two daughters to Neuilly but I think they will be sent where they the [sic] will mix with la noblesse! –

[Written on outside of letter]

Mother Veronica

C.C.

Sup Gl.

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

You must indeed get quite well now that the Doctor has treated you so skilfully. I long to hear that you are yourself again and able to enjoy your dr Sisters visit. I count on you for the parlour always you know and you got on so well before with Mth Agnes that it will be easy work now I am recommending Paris to all new comers & visitors for if by January we do not sufficiently fill the house to maintain it comfortably it must be underlet before the time of the exhibition. It was represented to the Bishop of Southwark as requiring 600£ from us to keep it! – wh of course frightened his Lordship needlessly, and at once set him against Paris – was it not silly – and a mistaken view altogether.

I sent you the Constitutions by this mornings post to put into Italian & to send the proofs when translated on to Fr Bosio

Institution St Joseph

Vaucouleurs

Meuse France

I think you have an Italian copy with you, if not I will send it by post to save you trouble or doing over a second time. – We are correcting proof sheets, but as soon as they are struck off you shall have the Directory & Common Rules (re-arranged

under headings -)

Poor M. Eulalia! R.I.P. You are having the Masses for her & Rosaries &c

Ever your loving Mother in Xt

C.C.

Augu 20th 1877 St Leonard on Sea

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[copied from the Original]

The Convent. Aug 29th 77
St Leonard on Sea.

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

I am terribly grieved abt your ill health, and if it is necessary for you to return to England we must sacrifice the use you could be in Paris, and make yr health & comfort out first consideration but you have not had a fair trial to be acclimated & perhaps you have been fretted also uselessly – Let us have patience while at the same time you must watchfully follow the advice of the Doctor in the remedies prescribed and keep your mind free from care – and then we shall see what our dear Lord in His own sweet charity wills for you.

I have asked Mth M The or rather told her to leave you in charge & to return here ^{herself} on Thursday or Friday. Mth Agnes would have gone over with Mth St Raphael & Mth M Ignatia tomorrow, but there is a Deed for signature that requires a legal witness & this cannot be done as the Notary is away for a few days.

Fr Murphy comes for a retreat tomorrow & at the end of it we shall have a clothing & profession so I presume you will not see Mth Agnes for another week.

I shall go over to Paris myself with any children ~~with~~

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~~any children~~ [sic] – we may have to take. The Dobsons remain with their father & they are to take care of little Gertrude. I hope they have not been so naughty as to say that they would not stay at home! For this alone would cause their Fr to keep them!

Write [as] soon as you receive this & let me know how you are, and whether you think you would be better at St Leonards or at Hendon or London

Private

I suppose you know that I am sending M M. Aloysia soon to her Sister Marie She thinks she is going blind and I have consulted Dr Danou & also Mons: le Promoteur – God grant her mind may not go also!

Ever your loving Mother in JC.

C.C.

Agnes Magee is the only one decided for Paris, that I know of.

SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[from Original]

The Convent, Mayfield –
Tomorrow DV.

St Leonards on Sea [Aug^{30th} 1877]

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduiti]

Thanks for your letter – I wish you could tell me that you are taking Calcare Carbonica Sulpher, alternately every three hours, and if in pain with your swollen cheek take four globules of Pulsatilla I am sure you would soon drive out the Erysipelas from your blood. This course is infallible with me – If Mother Agnes has not a supply of the globules you certainly [can] get them in Paris.

Do not fret over M.M.Aloysia [Herr Eyn] going. Privately (& entre-nous) it seems to be most dastardly conduct after pushing on as she did abt the house in Paris!!! She will most likely never return but is more charitable to let her follow her own will & make the best of the home world with her Sister & her Father having the advice of Mons le Prmoteur I do not think that Mons le Promoteur ever saw Mother Agnes. Those children who were with her at the Training Schl loved her very much – and also those at Hendon. She will no doubt speak French in a month or six weeks and certainly is much more capable of making a religious Comty happy than her predecessor, who never has succeeded in this.

If the children are not to be obtained before next January we shall be forced to advertise the Château in order to underlet it & to take a house at half [sic]

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Private

In Chaillot where we could open an Externat with almost certainty of success Mr Dobson owes a heavy bill at present if not quite lately paid – Do not fret over the bills – I shall send the amount for Doré (the remainder of his exorbitant charges) and for the Serrurier, as soon as I return to St Leonards I do not know what is due to Mons Lebocq –

If you have not the Globules be sure to get them.

Ever your loving Mother in J C.

C[ornelia] C[onnelly]

I should go to you at once but for the chance of getting more children by waiting.

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SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

The Convent Aug 31st [1877]
St L. on Sea.

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica

I cannot make ^{out} why Mons le Promoteur was told that Mother Agnes does not speak French! – Mth M Theophila could make but little way in it when she first went to France & very soon Mth Agnes will be as much up in it as herself. Mth Agnes will feel a true interest in your health & welfare & I do hope you will be sweet & amiable with her as you would ^{to} your own Sister - If Annunziata is still with you give her my love & tell her we all remember her with much love.

I will write soon again to you – I thought I had told you that Mildred Mansfield was coming to us in Paris. Be full of kindness to her dr Mother when she brings Milly.

Ever your loving Mother in JC
C.C.

The Convent Sep 7 [77]
St Leonards on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduiti]

I send you a little bottle of Calcarea Carbonica to take every two or three hours lest you may not have it in Mother Agnes's box or be able to get it from Paris.

Do not worry over temporals you will see that our Lord will do every thing if we do our best. There would not be one of our Convent on the face of the Earth if we had not trusted to our Lady of Sorrows next to God's providence Make the Novena to her with fervour that she may fill your beds with good children. We depend on her help for God's blessing on the house, & you must be full of confidence in God & diffident in ourselves

I hope Mr Dobson has sent the Cheque & that you have explained to Mth Agnes that the money borrowed from Mons le Bocq must be returned immediately Mth Theophila says they promised it shld be sent before the 15th and it had better be done immediately that the Cheque is cashed at the bankers

Monroe & Co –

No 7 rue Scribe, Paris

The street is close to the Madeleine handy for the omnibus.

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Fortunately Mother Agnes is a better walker than you are in your poor lamed feet!

You will find help also in taking four globules of sulphur when you are constipated & indeed it wld do you good to take it every other night. If your head throbs or the blood mounts take four Globes of Belladonna.

Love to all

Ever yrs affc

C.C.

The Convent Jan 9th 1878
St Leonards on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica

I send the Cheque for £50 to pay your bills and trust we may soon sell out & underlet. I do not see what Hyères has to do with the present circumstances We then had six children paying £50 for six months at the rate of £100 a year each. Oh that you had the same now. You forget that the coals you are now using, oil, &c. &c, are among the bills paid for – You would have had to pay double for your fuel had it not been laid in at the proper season.

Well! we have done our best to prove the Will of God as to France, and I have no longer a regret as to leaving it – The Country is rotten or rather the faith of the people I have no wish for Chaillot or to work amongst the people who are too narrow to understand our training & education. The only regret I have is the leaving those dear Holy Priests, truly men of God & Martyrs of the Faith. – Even our Lady takes up Germany now with her apparitions and miracles – Lourdes is more Spanish than French. Our Lady seeks the sinless and innocent, not the rotten and sinful people who so often have turned a deaf ear to her sweet warning. We must quietly & privately sell out what we can, & underlet without advertising – We must take the plan of M. Iscad –

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

[Addressed on back of folded sheet]

The Rev Mother Veronica

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SHCJ AR CHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

The Convent May 3rd 1878
St Leonards on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Mth Veronica [Fronnuti]

I write to you as I hope Mth Cath: has had leave from the Dr to come, - & if so you will see that the wraps &c are all that should be provided – hot water in the train &c.

Have you not secured the Bravos for Paris? we have decided to remain till Midsummer Mr Bravo says nothing abt it in his letters – I suppose he has not yet got the Paris Exh: mania just yet. Let me know what he thinks & says abt his affairs –

The Ceremony went off beautifully yesterday Much love to Sr Stanislas Dobson & thank her for her letters

Ever yrs lovingly in JC

C.C.

Happy Easter & much love to all.

The Convent Mayfield
Hawkhurst Sussex
June 30th 1878.

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica, [Fronduiti]

I shall begin to wonder whether Paris agrees with you again: And then again to tell you to be sure not to let persons see that you are too eager to please, or that the children should shew you gratitude & affection The only way to obtain these last virtues is to shew that you do not look for them nor expect them. – I do assure you that it is the only way to make them value your services & kindnesses. I am only saying this for your use & not to find any fault with you – We all have enough to do to bear with ourselves & with others, & I am sure you will have enough with the two who are with you for many acts of charity I laugh when I think of five teachers for four children

May God ever bless you & give you good health –

Ever yrs lovingly in Xt

C.C.

[Addressed on the outside]

Mother Veronica

The Convent Mayfield
Hawkhurst

Aug 24th / 78

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

I am sorry you will have still to await the votes of the Ministers before you can know abt the house.

I agree with you abt the house in Italy but there is much more to be done elsewhere. I trust you will have Mother Angelica & another with you before long & then you will be more comfortable.

Our retreat is to begin on 30th of August at St Leonards – The one here given by Fr Leslie ended on Thursday & the clothing of four Choir Postulants & three lay P. took place on the day it ended.

1. I write now to tell you to send Mth McVicar & Sr St Raphael over in time to have a days rest before the retreat begins at St Leonards – you will have to be all in all till Mth Angelica arrives.

2. Your Retreat – you will have to wait till Mth Angelica &c arrive

3. The Board is not to be thought of at present. We do not know what we should want hereafter & have no shillings to waste –

I hope you keep well – take care of yourself.

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

I am better thank God

The Convent Dec 31st 1878
St Leonards on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronduti]

Of course you have heard through Mother Angelica all the news when we wrote to her, & now Mother M Ignatia has told you as much ^{as} you will have time to read.

You know how glad I always am to hear from you & to know all details regarding the dear children for I love them each & all as if they were my own, though there are some I do not know.

Dear Martha Shannon & Mary came down to us last week & stopped till today – Martha though so much better that she can walk without assistance is still not cured, but Our Blessed Mother will quite cure her in the end.

Mother Angelica wrote to you to send me a small bottle of the water from Lourdes & I am looking forward to its arrival to begin my second Novena, for strength.

Mother Christina (Cusack) is very ill & she was to receive extreme unction this morning. Her mind is at times quite gone, and she is physically very weak so that she cannot walk or sit up in her chair for any time – Sr Marion is just the same, but the Doctor thinks she may last till next summer.

Much love to each & all

Yrs aff in JC.

C.C.

The Convent Jan 2 1878 [9?]

[See letter of Dec. 31, 1878]

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J.M.J.

A very happy New Year

Dear Mother Veronica, [Fronduiti]

If I wait to let you know of the safe arrival of the little vial of Lourdes water I fear our Epiphany pictures may reach you too late for the end of your little retreat, therefore I send them now with a few lines to let you know that all including our dear children have enjoyed their holidays. I have been down several times in the Community room, but still my stren[g]th quite fails in walking tho' I get to the tribune when possible for Mass & Benediction which is a great comfort. Please give my love to Sr M. Monica and tell her to write sometimes, & to let me know what Water Colours the children in her class have done, whether any illuminations have been attempted, & My love [to] each Sister and Sr M Cornelia too – What they have learnt in the Choir &c – Love again & again to all. Remember me also to Usule & wish her all the joys of the Season – I enclose a picture for her –

Ever your loving Mother in JC.

C.C.

The Convent St Leonards of Sea
Jan 27th 1879

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica [Fronnuti]

Mth M Ignatia & Mth Angelica are writing to you so I only add a line to tell you my maternal love for you & to hope you keep well during this severe weather. I never remember so severe a winter as this yet the snow is not 3 feet deep as represented to be in Paris – I suppose the 3 ft must mean 3 inches –

Fortunately you are so far escaping Rheumatism. Poor Sr Joseph Ann is on her bed & unable to move Sr Cicely is still ill but on the mend.

Now Mth M Ignatia has told you all the news & I will only add with love to all the Sisters & to the dear children that I am ever yrs affec in J.C.

C.C.

The Rev Mother Veronica

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SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

[probably 1877 – 79]

Dr Sr Veronica [Fronduiti]

When will you learn to value the souls of the N. more than their bodies –
Leave the latter to the infirmarian & do not lower your office –

M Sup

Sr Xavier told me she is not well is she to give the Instruction in the
refectory

Sr Veronica

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SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

[probably 1877 – 79]

Dear Mth Veronica [Fronduiti]

I should like you to take the House Novics & House Post. At six and give them instruction Helen is going to Mayfield & Sr M Agnèse has gone so no one takes charge of them I will see you abt them when you like

Yrs lovingly in JC.

C.C.

[addressed on back]

Mth Veronica.

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SHCJ ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from the Original]

[probably 1877 – 79]

Dear Mth Veronica [Fronnuti]

I presume Mth Catherine will write to you regarding Sr Hilda –

Will you kindly have Mth. M. Gertrude Managhan's wardrobe ready for her to go to Wadhurst on to Markcross on Wednesday Mother Catherine may possibly be in London on Wednesday or write to you what you are to do –

I hope to go over to Mayfd this week weather permitting Sr Walburga Baines went on to Preston with Mrs Dewhurst to replace Sr St Edward who is ill & needing a change of air.

Ever your loving Mother in Xt

C.C.