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Dear Sister Bathilde

We think we have noticed a lack of sincerity in Maria. Her illness has seemed to us to be a game which is scarcely of her age. I recommend that you not let her write in English any longer. It is a lack of confidence in her mistresses, and she misuses that little means.

I hope that in your case, my dear Sister, reason will have the upper hand of that bodily sensitivity. I am asking the good God for that, because I know the dangers of these kinds of troubles. Your heart must belong to Jesus Christ alone.

Yours very devotedly

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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