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I have only the time to tell you that your difficulty does not merit worrying about. Forget it, and you will be freed from it. Be cheerful, and speak amicably to the sister who is the subject of your temptation; grant your divine Spouse that mark of esteem for one of his Spouses. Would you dare not to love a person he loves? Well then, triumph over your dislike, you can do so; Jesus will reward you for your sacrifice. Once again, deceive the enemy and make fun of him; two days will be enough to deliver you from an evil that is only imaginary.

Believe in my experience and count on the devotedness of  
Your very affectionate Father in Jesus Christ.  
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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