

L.S.J.M.J.

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I am very pleased with your sentiments, my dear Child. Accept my thanks for the good wishes you sent me and go forward with simplicity and courage. Love the God of consolations even when deprived of consolation.

Would there not be any way of moving Sr. Eugénie to another convent? Independently of the deplorable things you have just written to me about, I think that it is that poor creature that is setting the Dean against your community, because of the false reports that are the fruits of her imagination. Talk it over.

Tell Sr. Clemence that her behavior causes me much pain and that her example is harmful.

Test the novices a good deal, but make them understand how useful this is. Mlle Vandenhove may write to me; but you may not help her to compose her letter. I want to see her own sentiments and what kind of education she has had.

I am sending back to the novices their letters with corrections. Explain to them the mistakes I have corrected.

Receive, dear child, the blessing of

Your devoted spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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