

L.S.J.M.J.

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I approve your manner of treatment of Mlle Clara. You may go on with it; it is better than what I had thought I would have to prescribe with restrictions for the novice.

Be calm about your own position. Go on in the dark without fear, in the fragrance of the perfumes of the beloved Savior and Spouse Jesus Christ. The instinct of love will always enable you to discern the traces of the one your heart desires in all and above all.

I also send my compliments to the novices and I give them as well as you, a big blessing. May the good God deign to make it effective.

Your ever devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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Follow Mlle Clara up closely to accustom her to good deportment and good order in everything, but without frightening her. Let her often practice some rules of gymnastic. That is also very necessary and even more so for your two other novices.