

Madame Superior

Your German novice seemed to me to be of a happy disposition. But I doubt whether she is very certainly called to be a lay sister. I could not ascertain her final decision; she kept repeating that it was not possible for her to express herself in French. I think you will not keep her. I have not had the opportunity of talking to you in detail about all your personnel. In general I am pleased with all your dear sisters and the cleanliness of the house. As for the classes, we have talked about them. I have received the prospectus from Jette and the Ladies of the Sacred Heart at Brussels.

I have just seen Doorzele and the new Bois. The number of pupils increases at the Ladies of Doorzele and with the Sisters, where there are 800 to 900 including 500 pupils at the free school. The 300 or 400 others are one hundred and well above that in boarders; about sixty weekly boarders and some day pupils. There are over 40 religious, at Doorzele, there are also about as many religious. But that is the motherhouse. There are some aged and infirm subjects.

It would be difficult to form an exact idea of the great cleanliness that reigns in these establishments. One must... (End of first page. The second page cut off)

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