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I thank you for the news you have just sent me; it is good, thank the Lord! With the ceremony taking place at Alost, it would involve moving five persons whose relatives are all nearer to Mouscron than to Alost, with the exception of those of Mlle Terrace. Then I would have to go to Mouscron to get in touch with Mr. Vuylsteke the architect of our sisters in that area, who is getting the work started for the rebuilding of the convent, etc. See whether the usefulness of Alost would compensate for that and write to me by the return of my nephew Henri who will be bringing you the packet. I am going to get your papers negotiated; there will be a loss on the Brazilian bond and some benefit from the Roman one. It is a pity that we have to get rid of the former at the present moment; the depreciation will not last. That wretched business of the house of Moens is causing us some unexpected unpleasantness. May Mlle Colette become more reasonable....

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... tions. Courage, dear child, our good God will help us; it is the month of our holy Patron and our dear Sister Aloÿse is smiling on our efforts. Oh, how I love to talk about that holy Child. Never was I so taken up with a death as with that of our Angel. I have frequently to renew my sacrifice to our divine Master. Do not take it amiss that I talk to you about her so often; it is through such a natural inclination of my heart, such a sweet sentiment that is useful to me, that it happens almost without my noticing it or at least without the slightest effort.

I have written to Mme Sermyn asking her to come and see me with the mother of our dear deceased one, so that I can record the circumstances of the childhood of that young, lovable and perfect religious. It will be difficult for me to come to Malines this week; we will see next week, but it is possible that I may come then, supposing that the...

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