

St. Mary's Convent.

13th Jan. 47.

Your Grace,

From last Sept. strange thoughts and desires have been filling my heart. They got stronger and clearer during the 8 days retreat I made in Dayeeling. On coming here I told Fr. Van Exem everything - I showed him the few notes I had written during the retreat - He told me. He thought - it was God's inspiration - but to pray and remain silent over it. I kept on telling him whatever passed in my soul - in thoughts and desires. Then yesterday he wrote this "I cannot prevent you from talking or writing to His Grace. You will write to His Grace as a daughter to her father, in perfect trust and sincerity, without any fear or anxiety, telling him how it all went, adding that you talked to me and that now I think I cannot in conscience prevent you from exposing everything to him."

Before I begin I want to tell you that at one word that your Grace would say I am ready never to consider again any of those strange thoughts which have been coming continually.

During the year very often I have been longing to be all for Jesus and to make other souls - especially Indian, come and love Him fervently - to identify myself with Indian girls completely and so love Him as He has never been loved before. I thought - was one of my many mad desires. I read the life of St. M. Cabrini - She did so much for the Americans because she became one of them. Why can't I do for India what she did for Amer. She did not wait for souls to come to her. She went to them with her robes

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