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Dear Annet
Matlock. 15th July.

You are very kind to wish
to take so much trouble
about me.

If you will tell me
(some time) the peculiarities
which you think stand
between me & the light,
you will find a grateful
listener.

Will you not tell me too
the condition which I leave
unfulfilled?

You suspect me of electionism.
I do not know. I will think
about it. The whole age
is wounded by it & by its
offspring, Indifferentism.
I thought I had as great
a horror of it as you have.

But one is always wrong about
oneself - and therefore I
think it most probable you
have found me out -

I know what you would
say. Do not spare me.
But do not say that I do
not love our Heavenly Father,
nor open my heart to Him -
say anything but that. For
He has been very good to me.

The question which you were
kind enough to say you would
ask for me is - whether
they would take me in at
the Hospital of S. Stephen's
in the Green in Dublin, (which
is served by the Sisters of
Mercy) for three months -
as I am - I could not go
for more at present. ~~and~~
& therefore it would not do

for me to go into the Novice-
ship. Novices are seldom
& postulants never I believe
employed in the Hospital. I
want to be employed there
at once. For it is not for
purposes of retreat that I
go, which I could do else-
where, with less anxiety to
my people, - but to learn
their trade.

I have a particular reason
for wishing to be under
S. Vincent. I have obligations
to him.

I do not wish to trouble
you for information, which I
could get for myself. But I
do not think they would take
me, on these terms, without
a recommendation, which
you alone could do for me.

I should ^{not} wish the patients
to know I was not a Catholic.

from any one but the Reverend
Brothers & the priests.

I will tell you all the truth,
which perhaps will alter
your opinion about doing it.

I have not my people's
consent for this - & I do not
think I should go without it.

I was in disgrace with
them for a twelvemonth for
going to Kaiserswerth. My
sister has never spoken the
word to me since - & I really

believe that it would give
my dear people less pain
for me to become a Roman
Catholic & marry, than for me
to become a Sister of Charity.

I think the persecution of the
Emperor Domitian must be
easy to bear - but there is
a persecution from those we
love, as I dare say you
know, which grinds one's
very heart out - especially

if one is not quite sure one
is right.

I wonder at myself for
telling these things, I have
never done so before -

It is a great deal to ask.
I scarcely dare hope that you
will have time for me to
venture to accept your offer
about the Science of Theology,
I mean - But if you should,
you would find a ready
hearer.

You say you will tell me
all about the Synod - But
when shall we meet
again?

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