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Colwich, whereupon he said he would write telling the Prioress I had decided not to enter there. She answered by a curt letter, telling Father Meinrad that further communication with me would be unnecessary.

I next asked my confessor to write to East Bergholt for me. This he declined to do, as he had quarrelled with the Abbess. The Reverend Mother of the Beccles convent, where I lived, wrote for me. Lady Lescher, the then Abbess, replied at once, asking me to visit her.

Accordingly I set out for East Bergholt, and stayed two days in the hospice or guest-house of the Abbey. I liked the Abbess, who was very kind to me. She told me she would let me know in the course of a day or two whether they could receive me. When I returned to Beccles I told Father Meinrad that I liked the Abbess, but not the Abbey as much as Stanbrook. Nevertheless, beggars can-