

“ does not appear to me necessary to believe in it. At
 “ the end of some moments He made me hear His voice,
 “ and gave me some explanation regarding a conversa-
 “ tion that I had the evening before. I recalled then that,
 “ in this conversation, one of my friends had manifested
 “ her astonishment that Our Lord, who had promised to
 “ grant everything to prayer, had remained deaf to those
 “ that Father Hermann had offered so often to Him to
 “ obtain the conversion of his mother. Her surprise
 “ nearly amounted to discontent and I had some difficulty
 “ in making her understand that we ought to adore God’s
 “ justice and not seek to penetrate into His designs. I
 “ dared to ask my Jesus how it was that He who was
 “ goodness itself had been able to refuse the prayers of
 “ Father Hermann, and not grant him the conversion of
 “ his mother. Behold his reply :

“ Why does seek always to find out the secrets
 “ of my justice, and why does she endeavor to penetrate
 “ into mysteries she cannot understand. Tell her that I
 “ do not owe my mercy to any person, that I give it when
 “ it pleases me, and that in acting thus I do not cease to
 “ be just and even Justice itself. But let her know also
 “ that sooner than fail in the promises I have made to
 “ prayer, I would overthrow heaven and earth, and that
 “ every prayer offered for my glory and the salvation of
 “ souls is always heard when said with the proper dispo-
 “ sitions.”

“ He added : and, to prove this truth, I wish to make
 “ known to you what happened at the moment of the
 “ death of Father Herman’s mother.” My Jesus enlight-
 “ ened me then with a ray of His divine brilliancy and
 “ made me understand, or rather let me see in Him that
 “ which I will try to tell you.

“ At the moment when the mother of Father Hermann
 “ was about to draw her last breath, when she appeared
 “ to be unconscious -nearly lifeless, Mary, our good
 “ Mother, presented herself before her divine Son, and,
 “ prostrating at His feet, said :

“ Have mercy, O my Son, on this soul which is
 “ going to perish. In another moment she will be lost,
 “ lost for eternity. Do, I implore Thee, for the mother of
 “ my servant Hermann all that Thou wouldst wish him