

daily; every day he sent her assistance. It was he that sent the physician, and paid the druggist for the medicines. He was present during her last words, consoling her and giving her assurance with words of comfort. Entreat, my dear brother—entreat our merciful God to reward our good Pastor for all the kindness which he has shown us. Pray also for me, for I am now a poor orphan girl. We are, it is true, both very poor, we are both orphans, exposed to the world without an asylum; however, as you are large and strong, you may gain your livelihood. But what can I do? I am still too young to hire out, and I feel too great a repugnance to beg; besides, that mode of life leads very easily to evil. O my dear brother! may God pity your helpless sister,  
 MARY.

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LETTER III.

*John to Mary.*

Wiesenthal, June 26, 1866.

MY DEAR SISTER,

You have good reason to say, "May God have mercy on us." My tears hardly permit me to write. How shall I express the pain and grief which your letter gave me? Who would have thought that our poor mother would be taken from us so soon? We are truly unhappy; but it has been the will of God that things should be as they are, and we should submit, blessing the hand that strikes us. Whatever he wills is right; and of this we should be convinced, although the trials to which he subjects us, may at first spread affliction over our hearts.

Our good mother is now happy; she was so pious, that we may with full confidence believe that she is in heaven. Her lot is preferable to ours; this thought should then console us, and almost make us rejoice. After so much labor and fatigue on earth, she now reposes in the bosom of God; she now has joy for her sorrows, happiness for her miseries. Let us pray then, let us weep, but never murmur. God will take care of us. He nourishes the fowls of the air, he decks the lily of the field in all its beauty; how can he then forget his children? No! he will be our protector; he will assist and console us in our afflictions.

Be not then, my good sister, too much affected by our misfortunes; place your confidence in God. Let us be ever mindful of the advice of our affectionate mother. God will then bless us, and after this life take us to heaven where we shall see her and dwell with her for ever.

With this letter, I send another for your good Pastor. Farewell; may God watch over your welfare and that of your brother  
 JOHN.

At Birmingham, a few days ago, a Baptist minister was received into the Catholic Church.

**SPIRITUAL AID TO CATHOLIC SOLDIERS.**—A correspondence which has lately taken place between the Very Rev. Dr. Synnott, the President of St. Peter's College, Wexford, and her Majesty's Secretary at War, shows that the question regarding the appointment of Catholic chaplains for the spiritual aid and instruction of Catholic soldiers for priests as well as Douay Bibles, is forced upon the attention of Government, and may yet produce the desired effect.—*Tuam Herald.*

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