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May the Lord enlighten and strengthen you in the new career, which He himself has caused you to enter. Don't look back on the past any longer; what would disquieting returns on the past do except to discourage you and deprive you of the graces that the Lord has destined for you. Look forward always as the Apostle teaches; and may fear of the future never make the least troublesome impression on you. Never fear to lose yourself by throwing yourself, so to speak, blindly into the bosom of God. Confidence and abandon – these are the two virtues that you have not learned up to now, but from now on they should serve as a torch for you. Strive to acquire the perfection of these virtues and often ask this of the Lord. He will grant you all that you ask of Him. Do all the good that you can, but let it always be with the sanction of obedience. I shall say no more, obedience includes everything. My respects to Madame the Superior. Say also many things from me to Mlle de la Gervaisais. I should have been pleased to find her at La Croix.

I am with respect,

Your very humble and obedient servant

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I leave this evening for the Mission under the protection of Mary. Pray for us.